

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri Y. D. Singh:  
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the National Small-pox programme about enactment of a legislation or promulgation of the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897 in all the States; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in the matter and if not what steps Government are taking to tackle the problem of smallpox?

### Consumer Cooperatives

\*81. { Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:  
Shri Lakhmu Bhawani:

Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for the encouragement of consumer cooperative stores for checking the rise in prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such stores to be set up in Delhi?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) Yes, Sir. A scheme for the development of consumers cooperatives is under implementation in the third five year plan. In order to broadbase this movement in the light of the current emergency, a more comprehensive scheme is being prepared by the Government of India.

(b) A statement showing the details of the existing scheme is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 11.]

(c) Under the existing scheme it is proposed to organise/revitalise 60 Cooperative Stores in Delhi during the Third Plan. Out of these 12 stores have been organised/revitalised during the year 1961-62.

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee have been considered and steps are being taken to advise the State Governments to take necessary action under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 in all areas where even sporadic cases of smallpox are in existence so as to achieve 85 coverage of population with a potent vaccine which is being supplied to all the States.

### Second Shipyard

Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Warrior:  
Shri Y. D. Singh:  
Shri Venkatasubbaiah:  
Shri P. K. Deo:  
\*83. { Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:  
Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Himatsinghka:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
Shri Bade:  
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought economic and technical assistance in the construction of a second state shipyard at Cochin; and

### National Smallpox Programme

Shri D. N. Tiwary:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
\*82. { Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Mitsubishi Ship building and Engineering Limited, Tokyo, Japan, have offered to send a team of technical experts to investigate how the project could be progressed. When the team arrives further details will be discussed and when finalised will be placed before the House.

#### Hospitals under the control of Central Government

**65. Shri Laxmi Dass:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many hospitals are working under the control of the Central Health Department and in what places they have been situated, and what type of diseases are being treated in those hospitals;

(b) how many employees are working in these hospitals; and

(c) the monthly salaries of the employees category-wise in Hospitals in big cities like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad, Delhi, Bangalore which are under the Central Health Department?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Two in Delhi; the Safdarjang Hospital and the Willingdon Hospital. Treatment for all diseases is available.

(b) Willingdon Hospital .. 697  
Safdarjang Hospital .. 1262

(c) There are only two hospitals under the direct control of the Central Health Ministry. They are in Delhi. The pay scales of the employees of Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are given in the Ministry of Finance Notifications No. S.O. 2519 dated the 15th October, 1960, and S.O. 1785 dated the 22nd July, 1961.

#### National Highways

**66. Shri Laxmi Dass:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communica-

tions be pleased to state the length of the National Highways State-wise?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 12].

#### Post Offices in Punjab

**67. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices so far opened and proposed to be opened during the current year in the State of Punjab;

(b) how many of the offices already opened have been provided with telecommunication service facilities; and

(c) what is the future programme therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Number opened from 1-4-1962 to 31-10-1962..... 143.

Proposed to be opened during the remaining period of current year. . . 62.

(b) None of the Post Offices opened during the current year has been provided with telecommunication facilities. However, two Public Call Offices and six telegraph offices were opened during the current year at places where post offices existed prior to 1-4-1962.

(c) 626 post offices, 80 Public Call Offices and 70 telegraph offices are expected to be opened during the remaining period of the Third Five Year Plan.

#### Over/Under Bridges proposed by Punjab Government in Third Plan

**68. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of over/under bridges proposed by the Punjab Government to him for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan;