

function as a Staff College for Public Health Administration. Administrative and educational problems in the implementation of health, and Health education and family planning programmes will be the primary interest of the proposed Institute.

Narmada Project Scheme

319. Shri Oza: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the progress made in implementing Narmada Project Scheme?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): The project, the first stage of which is also known as the Broach Project, is in the initial stage of construction and only the preliminary works like colony buildings, approach road, etc., have been taken in hand and are in progress.

X-Ray Programme for T.B. Control

320. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to launch a mass X-ray programme for control of tuberculosis in the country;

(b) if so, when it will be enforced; and

(c) the total cost involved?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No. But mass X-ray examination is being conducted at several clinics equipped for the purpose.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

व्यास परियोजना

३२१. श्री विद्मनाथ पांडेय : क्या सिबाई और विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) व्यास परियोजना कब पूरी होगी ;

(ख) क्या व्यास नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने परियोजना को समय पर पूरा करने के लिए

और राशि आवंटित करने की सिफारिश की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का व्यास नियंत्रण बोर्ड को अधिक राशि देने का विचार है ?

सिबाई और विद्युत मंत्री (डा० कु० ल० राव) : (क) यदि पर्याप्त धन उपलब्ध हो, परियोजना पांच छः वर्षों में पूर्ण की जा सकती है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) इस समय, तृतीय पंच वर्षीय योजना में व्यास परियोजना के लिए अतिरिक्त धन देने का कोई विचार नहीं है ।

Family Planning

**322. { Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any effort to develop oral contraceptives for family planning; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) An appreciable number of indigenous drugs have been tested. Only one drug (meta xylo-hydroquinone) so far seems to be effective in about 50 per cent cases. The acceptability of this drug is reported to be unsatisfactory.

Drug Prices

323. Shri Kappen: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to regulate the ex-factory price of drugs; and

(b) whether any Committee has been appointed to study and report on this matter?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No.

(b) A Technical Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Health to examine the reasonableness of the cost of manufacture of certain drugs. The Committee has so far met four times and its recommendations are awaited.

L.I.C. Investments in Shipping

324. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the L.I.C. investment in shipping has decreased rapidly from 149 lakhs in 1958 to 84 lakhs in 1961; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Investment in 'Shipping' has decreased from Rs. 141 lakhs in 1958 to Rs. 76 lakhs in 1961.

(b) Redemptions and sales.

Super Market in Connaught Circus, New Delhi

325. Shri Ram Ratan Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the construction of super-market in Connaught Circus, New Delhi; and

(b) the main features of this scheme?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The New Delhi Municipal Committee have reported that tenders for the work have been received and are under consideration.

(b) Super Market will be six-storeyed building with a basement. It will have about 300 shops and storage in the basement. It is proposed to provide an average customer all his day to day necessities under one roof.

'Affairs of Nagpur Businessman'

326. Shri Balkrishna Wasnik: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to

refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No. 11 on the 19th September, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the investigations in the affairs of Shri Sriram Durga Prasad of Nagpur from whose premises hoarded gold had been seized, have been completed; and

(b) whether the nature of offence has been established?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) of the question this does not arise.

Opium Smuggling

327. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the number of cases of seizure of contraband opium and smuggling of opium detected during the last two months?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The number of cases and the quantity of contraband opium seized during August and September, 1963 are as under:—

	No. of cases	Quantity of opium seized kgms.
August, 1963	42	96,430
September, 1963	29	461,471

Loans for Rajasthan

**328. { Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri V. B. Deo:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan granted to the Rajasthan State under various categories during the last five years ending March, 1963; and