

- (iv) Promote inter-State and international library cooperation;
- (v) Provide reference and bibliographical services.
- (vi) Provide microfilming and photocopying service.
- (vii) Give training in medical librarianship.
- (viii) Give training in medical library-effective medical library service in the country through a network of Regional, State and Local Medical Libraries.

As a first step in this direction, the Central Medical Library under the administrative control of the Directorate General of Health Services has been declared as National Medical Library. The construction of buildings for the National Medical Library at a cost not exceeding Rs. 23,16,525/- has also been sanctioned.

#### SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS

744. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of doctors in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) Yes.

(b) With a view to attaining the objective of a doctor population ratio of 1:3500, as recommended by the Health Survey and Planning Committee, the number of medical colleges in the country has been increased from 30 at the beginning of the First Five Year Plan to 91 during 1967. 2303 seats have also been added to the existing Medical Colleges. This has correspondingly increased the admission capacity of the medical colleges from 2,500 to over 11,000.

The State Governments have already taken some steps and are also consider-

ing further measures to induce fresh medical graduates to serve in rural areas. These measures *inter alia* include liberalization of the terms and conditions of service, provision of residential accommodation, grant of non-practising allowance, extension and re-employment of retired medical officers, raising of upper age limit for recruitment of medical officers, utilisation of doctors doing private practice on part-time basis etc. The measures vary from State to State depending on the local conditions and practicability of such steps.

This is, however, a long term matter and may take considerable time to find an adequate solution.

#### CONTRABAND GOLD RECOVERED FROM B.O.A.C. PLANE

745. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:  
 SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:  
 SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:  
 SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA:  
 SHRI RAM CHARAN:  
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI:  
 SHRI HEM BARUA:  
 SHRI SITARAM KESRI:  
 SHRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY:  
 SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM:  
 SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether contraband gold weighing 32 maunds was hauled by the Customs authorities at Palam Airport from the B.O.A.C. plane in September last; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the Air Company for the violation of the rules?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Two consignments of gold totally weighing 1218.599 Kg being transported in a B.O.A.C. plane in transit through India were seized by the Customs authorities at Palam airport on 15th September, 1967, for alleged irregularities under the customs and allied laws.

(b) The investigations in this case are in progress. The nature of the action, if any, against the air company will be decided after the investigations have been

completed. Pending investigations, the aircraft, which carried the consignments of gold, was allowed to proceed after the Air Company gave an undertaking to the effect that the aircraft would be produced as and when required for proceedings under the Customs law.

#### HALDIA REFINERY

746. SHRI N. K. SANGHI :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :  
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYYA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement relating to the proposed oil refinery at Haldia has been signed;

(b) if so, with which country and the main features thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented and the estimated expenditure involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) :  
(a) Yes.

(b) Firms from France and Romania have offered technical and financial collaboration to the Government of India in setting up a petroleum oil refinery at Haldia. The refinery will be designed initially to process 2.5 million tonnes of crude oil per annum and will have facilities to produce Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Aviation Turbine Fuel, Jute Batching Oil, Asphalt and Lubricating Oils in addition to other conventional products.

(c) The refinery is likely to be completed by the middle of 1970 at an estimated cost of Rs. 46 crores.

#### FERTILIZER PLANT AT KANDLA

747. SHRI N. K. SANGHI :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :  
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a second 70 crores fertilizers plant in the cooperative

sector is proposed to be set up at Kandla; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes. This is the first cooperative sector fertilizer project.

(b) It will have a capacity of 215,000 tonnes of nitrogen, 127,000 tonnes of  $P_2O_5$  and 66,000 tonnes of  $K_2O$ . The project will use naphtha and imported phosphoric acid as raw materials. It is estimated to cost Rs. 89.25 crores of which Rs. 38.17 crores will be in foreign exchange.

#### INCENTIVE FOR STERILIZATION

748. SHRI RAM KISHAN :  
SHRI S. C. SAMANTA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for giving a free transistor radio to couples who agree to undergo sterilization after having two or three children; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) :  
(a) and (b) Yes, a tentative scheme on experimental basis is being thought of, for a limited area, in respect of persons who agree to undergo sterilization after two children.

#### TROMBAY FERTILIZER PROJECT

749. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expansion programme of the Trombay Fertiliser Project has been finalised;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;