

saries generally procure their requirements of drugs from Government Medical Store Depots. Drugs purchased by Government Medical Store Depots are subjected to prescribed pharmacopocial tests in the approved laboratories before being accepted and supplied/issued to various indentors enrolled with them.

In so far as this Ministry is concerned, no specific case of any untoward incident due to administration of a sub-standard drug/intravenous infusion has been reported.

Discussion by National Institute of Communicable Diseases to Control Malaria

4987. (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NTCD) has recently discussed to examine ways to control malaria ;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held ; and

(c) what ways have been suggested to eradicate the factors that breed the disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Spread of Meningitis Fever in Nagpur District (Maharashtra)

4988. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Nagpur District in Maharashtra State is in the grip of meningitis fever since last one month ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of deaths have occurred due to this disease during this period ;

(c) whether Union Government provided/propose to provide any kind

of help to Maharashtra Government in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) According to the information received from the State Health Authorities 25 deaths due to Meningitis have been reported so far from the Nagpur district of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) 2500 doses of anti-meningitis vaccine and necessary guidelines for prevention of the disease have been supplied.

Representation from South Eastern Railwaymen's Union, Nagpur Division, Maharashtra

4989. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the South Eastern Railwaymen's Union Nagpur Division Maharashtra has represented to Government to solve their problems ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has since been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Nagpur Branch of this Union has forwarded during the last six months 67 individual representations regarding seniority, promotions, increments, etc. 58 out of these representations have been examined and settled.

Grants to Nagpur University for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

4990. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nagpur University has approached the University Grants Commission for a grant on the occasion of its Dimond Jubilee Celebrations ;

(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission has given its approval ; and