

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

(c) if not, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken and the amount of the grant agreed upon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir. The University has requested the Commission for assistance towards construction of a Diamond Jubilee Hostel for foreign students and a girls hostel for post-graduate and research students.

(b) and (c) The Commission has agreed in principle to the construction of an international hostel on sharing basis. During the Sixth Plan, the Commission has been sanctioning Rs. 10 lakhs to a university on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee and an additional Rs. 10 lakhs in case the university also raised an equal amount. The question of Diamond Jubilee grants in the Seventh Plan has not yet been finalised.

Repairing of Cattakhal Bridge

4991. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Cattakhal Bridge which is situated between Silchar and Badarpur railway track is in bad condition ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to repair the bridge ;

(c) whether the repairing has been entrusted to any contractor ; and

(d) if so, what was the target date of completion of the repairing work and when it is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) There has been some erosion on the left bank of river Barak close to Katakhal Rail-cum-Road bridge. To check this erosion the Railway had provided boulder rivetment and aprons along 250 Metres length of bank last year and this year contract has been awarded to provide rivetment and aprons along further 400 Metres length. The work is expected to be completed by end of May, 1985.

Rail Line from Hojai to Halflong

4992. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish rail line from Hojai to Halflong for avoiding Lumding which will save time and distance ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) As per survey completed in 1984, the estimated cost of a new B. G. rail line from Lanka near Hojai to Silchar was Rs. 650 crores, and the line was found unremunerative.

In view of this and the severe constraint of resources, at present, it will not be possible to take up construction of this line in the near future.

Unmanned crossings in Haryana

4993. SHRI RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unmanned crossings in Haryana State ; and

(b) programme of Government to man the unmanned crossings in Haryana ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There are 491 unmanned level crossings :

(b) 12 unmanned level crossings are programmed for manning during 1985-86.

Power Shortage in Haryana

4994. SHRI RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that industrial and Agricultural production is suffering in Haryana on account of acute shortage of power supply in the State ; and