

of construction projects Juggis and Jhompries, periodical fogging operation and biological control with larvivorous fish are also being undertaken.

**Financial Assistance to Sanskrit Pundits for the year 1983-84**

3496. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the financial assistance granted to the Sanskrit Pundits in indigent circumstances for the year 1983-84 has been paid to the recipients of Kerala State ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K C PANT): (a) and (b) The Ministry issued sanction letters to the Education Secretary of the Government of Kerala in December, 1983 and February, 1984 requesting payment of financial assistance to 83 Sanskrit Pundits in indigent circumstances for 1983-84. The Government of Kerala has also issued orders to the Director of Public Instruction of the State in February, 1984 and September, 1984 for disbursement of the amount to the concerned pundits through the respective District Collectors after verification of the annual income of the pundits. The Ministry has not yet received information from the Government of Kerala as to whether the payments have been made.

**ICMR's Suggestion to Reduce Low Weight Birth as well as Prenatal and Neonatal Mortality**

3497. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research has suggested to the Government to take several measures to reduce the incidence of low weight birth and prenatal and neonatal mortality ;

(b) if so, the details of the measures suggested by Indian Council of Medical Research ;

(c) the steps taken to implement those suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The Indian Council of Medical Research has initiated some studies aimed at reduction in the incidence of low birth weights prenatal and neonatal mortality. These studies are still to be completed

**Rear Indicator Lights in D.T.C. Buses**

3498. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the D.T.C. buses plying in the Capital have no rear indicator lights ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take urgent steps to install indicator lights in all the D.T.C. buses to avoid road accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir. Rear Indicator light is a standard fitment in all DTC buses.

(b) Does not arise.

**Power Consumption in Kerala**

3499. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the consumption of power in Kerala is likely to increase substantially in the next five years ; and

(b) if so, what specific steps are being taken to augment the power generation in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Idamalayar, Kakkad, Idukki II, Kallada and Lower Periyar Hydroelectric Schemes, with a total capacity of 710 MW, are presently under implementation in Kerala