

(a) the steps taken by Government to complete the work on Pamban bridge in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) when the work on the bridge is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) After the original Contractor to whom the work was awarded left it incomplete, the balance work was put to tender and awarded to M/s Gammon India (Pvt.) Ltd. in February, 1984. The work is in progress and the target of completion is February, 1987.

Setting Up of New Hospitals for Treatment of Heart Diseases

3614. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish new hospitals for treatment of heart diseases in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our doctors are fully competent to cure heart diseases ; and

(c) if so, the number of such doctors and the facilities Government have extended in favour of these doctors to cure heart patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration for establishing new hospitals exclusively for treatment of heart diseases. There are a number of hospitals in the country having advanced facilities for cardiac care. The Government extends full co-operation to the hospitals through grant of custom-duty exemption for importing sophisticated equipments which they may require for developing these facilities.

Inadequate Berthing Space in Ports of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin for Incoming Vessels

3615. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate berthing space in some major ports like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin the incoming vessels at those ports do not make any halt ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof per week in the months of October, November and December, 1984 ; and

(c) what remedial steps are proposed to see that adequate berthing space is made available to incoming vessels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decline in Incidence of Malaria

3616. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been progressive decline in the incidence of Malaria in the country ;

(b) if so, the name of the States where the incidence of Malaria has been declined ;

(c) the steps taken to eradicate Malaria from different parts of the country ; and

(d) the programmes proposed to be implemented in the Seventh Plan for that purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The declining trend of malaria has been reported from the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.

(c) and (d) The following specific steps are being taken to control/eradicate the incidence of malaria in the country as a whole.

(i) Every village is visited fortnightly by surveillance workers to detect