

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the government to repair such machines for providing better health services to the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Certain electronic machines in the Delhi hospitals are in need of repair. It has been reported that there are about 40 such items in major Government hospitals including those run by the local bodies. These machines are in the process of being repaired or in some cases negotiations are on for undertaking repairs.

#### **Non-Clearance of Wheat Stocks at Rail Depot**

219. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Huge Wheat stocks lying uncleared at rail depot' appearing in the Economic Times dated August 22, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the steps taken for clearing such wheat stocks;

(d) the total quantity of wheat being damaged every year due to lack of storage facility at Railway Depots; and

(e) the steps being taken to reduce such damages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item that appeared in the

"Economic Times" of 22. 8. 92 does not reflect factually; position as out of total unloading of 469 wagons of wheat consignments at Wadi Bundar during the period from 1.8.92 to 24.8.92, 467 were delivered to respective parties. Remaining 2 wagons were held up in the Goods sheds on parties account.

(c) Requisite staff was deployed at all delivery points for arranging prompt clearance of wheat consignments unloaded at Wadi Bundar. A special meeting with Clearing Agents/Traders was also convened concerned officials at Wadi Bundar Goods Shed to facilitate expeditious clearance arrangements.

(d) No such cases have been reported where the wheat consignments got damaged due to lack of storage facilities at Railway Depots. As far as Wadi Bundar is concerned, there are as many as 14 covered sheds, out of which 8 are utilised only for unloading of foodgrain wagons. These 8 sheds have a capacity of unloading of 300 wagons, which is sufficient to meet with the day to day demand of space for stacking foodgrains at Wadi Bundar.

(e) All necessary steps, such as repairs to the sheds and roofs during the monsoon season and also provision of tarpaulins for covering all consignments including foodgrains, are taken to avoid damage.

[Translation]

#### **Electric Locomotives**

220.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR:  
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:  
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN  
SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any

scheme to manufacture high horse power electric locomotives in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with estimated cost of the project, the proposed maximum speed limit of such locomotives, the total manufacturing cost per locomotive, the expected number of locomotives to be manufactured annually, the type of technology to be utilised therein and from which country it would be acquired; and

(c) the stage at which the scheme stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). C.L.W. has manufactured one prototype 5000 HP Electric Locomotive by optimising design features of the existing tapchanger technology. This locomotive is under tests and trials.

There is also a proposal to procure and subsequently manufacture 6000 HP three phase Electric Locomotives.

[English]

### Mysterious Disease in Delhi

221. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU:

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a recent report that a strange type of fever immune to known drugs and more virulent than malaria struck some persons in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the deaths that took place in 1992 so far;

(c) whether any preventive steps have been taken in the affected areas;

(d) whether urgent investigations are being made to identify the nature of the virus in these cases and treat it effectively; and

(e) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e). Yes, Sir, National Institute of Communicable Diseases New Delhi investigated 'mysterious disease' in in Malikpur village under Najafgath block of Delhi during 19th-21st October, 1992. After investigations the disease was diagnosed to be 'Dengue fever'. In a surveyed population of 1134 during October, 1992, the number of cases was 484 with 2 deaths.

The following preventive steps have been taken by the Delhi Administration:

Potable water was supplied through tankers everyday and chlorine tablets were distributed for disinfecting the water in the affected areas. 8 drains were laid out for outlet of stagnate water

To check further spread of the disease the Delhi Administration provided necessary medical coverage to the villagers. In Rao Tularam Memorial Hospital, special facilities were provided to the patients and all the cases reported were monitored regularly till the situation was brought under control.

### Samples of Medicines Tested

222. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of samples of medicines sent to the CGHS and Government hospitals that were tested in 1992 and the number out