

65,509 MT, respectively. The details of consumption or demand for milk powder in a particular State or Inter-State movement of milk powder is not maintained in this Ministry, but no report of shortage of milk powder has been received.

N.I.C.D.

1783. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale pilferage of medical equipments in the National Institute of Communicable Disease (NICD);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A theft of some multi-channel pipettes occurred in July, 1994 in an NICD laboratory. Two officials have been arrested and suspended. The matter is under police investigation.

[Translation]

Ayurvedic System of Medicine

1784. DR. P. R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decreasing faith of the people on the Ayurvedic System of medicines;

(b) the number of CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries running at present in the country;

(c) whether distribution of medicines in all the dispensaries is done in sufficient quantity; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The faith of the people in Ayurvedic system is not decreasing.

(b) 31 Ayurvedic dispensaries/Units and one Ayurvedic hospital are functioning under CGHS in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Expansion of U.N. Security Council

1785. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks are on among UN member countries for the expansion of the U.N. Security Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These discussions are being held in the Working Group on the "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council", set up by the General Assembly in December, 1993. The Working Group has been mandated at the current session

of the General Assembly to continue with its work, which is expected to resume in January, 1995.

Delinking of Haldia Port from Calcutta Port Trust

1786. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to delink Haldia Port from the Calcutta Port Trust;

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

(c) the likely implications as a result of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Government has set up a Committee to examine the likely effects and implications of Calcutta and Haldia Dock System operating together as one or separately as two ports keeping in view the operational and technical aspects etc. Further action would depend on the outcome of the report of the Committee and its examination from all relevant aspects.

Rating Training Establishment

1787. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposed Rating Training Establishment at Kakkodi, Kozhikode district, Kerala; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government has given, in principal, approval to set up a Rating Training Establishment in Kerala and a site has been selected at Kakkodi, Kazhikode district in consultation with Government of Kerala.

(b) Since the exercise involved is time consuming as well as unforeseeable in definite terms, it is not possible to indicate a time frame by which the Establishment would be set up.

Durgapur Steel Plant

1788. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a finished goods unit in the Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the steps proposed by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir, There is no new proposal at present for setting up of a finished goods unit in the Durgapur Steel Plant.