

पड़ोसी देश के साथ बातचीत प्रारम्भ की है और इसके परिणामस्वरूप जान और माल की कितनी हानि हुई ?

शिवेश मंत्री (श्री पी० बी० नरसिंह राव) :
(क) 5 और 6 जून, 1980 के बीच की अवधि में पाक अधिकृत काश्मीर की ओर से प्राग भारतीय क्षेत्र के पुंछ जिले के मेन्धर वन क्षेत्र की ओर फैल गई। वन विभाग, पुलिस, सेना, सीमा सुरक्षा दल और वहां की जनता ने मिलकर तीन दिन के अन्दर इस प्राग पर काबू पा लिया था। यह प्राग जमीन पर लगी थी इसलिए जंगल के पेड़ों को कोई नुकसान नहीं पहुंचा है।

(ख) पाकिस्तान की सरकार ने हमें सूचित किया है कि मई और जून के महीनों में प्रश्नगत क्षेत्र में जंगल में प्राग लगना एक सामान्य बात है और जब भी इस प्रकार की प्राग लगती है तो वन प्राधिकारी इस बात का सुनिश्चय करने के लिए तत्काल एहतियाती कदम उठाने हैं कि प्राग और न फैले।

Double line between Madras and Villupuram

3755. SHRI R. MUTHUKUMARAN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct a double line between Madras and Villupuram so as to avoid delay in running time due to crossing of trains;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands; and

(c) whether any amount has been allotted for this work during 1980-81?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Pathetic and shocking condition prevailing in J.P. Hospital

3756. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic and shocking conditions prevailing in J.P. Hospital; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the conditions of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) (a) It is admitted that the conditions in this hospital run by the Delhi Administration are not very satisfactory, but that is mainly because the hospital is functioning in an old building with limited facilities. The building is at present housing 1175 beds officially with an average bed occupancy of 1325 beds per day.

(b) The following steps are being taken to improve the condition of the hospital:—

- (i) 210 bedded Guru Nanak Eye Centre is under construction.
- (ii) A 380 bedded ward is nearing completion.
- (iii) It is proposed to construct a new Casualty and Emergency Centre.
- (iv) It is proposed to provide additional toilet facilities in the existing old hospital.
- (v) In order to ease the physical accommodation in the Out patient Department, it is proposed to construct third floor on the present OPD building.
- (vi) Additional staff for casualty and emergency Department has been sanctioned.
- (vii) Proposals for sanction of additional staff for purchase and store organisation, account department, nursing services and other ancillary services are under active consideration of Delhi Administration.

Professional blood donors

3757. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the department of Biochemistry, All India

Institute of Medical Sciences has recruited professional donors who turn up every third day to sell blood; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remedy this unethical practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Retrenchment of Gangmen

3758. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of gangmen have been retrenched in the Asansol Division after the Congress Ministry has come to power;

(b) if so, number of such retrenched gangmen, date of retrenchment with their average period of service; and

(c) reasons for such large scale retrenchment in this period of severe employment crisis in towns and drought in the villages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). About 300 casual Gangmen were engaged in the Engineering Department from 26-3-80 at different places on Asansol Division. On expiry of the sanction and completion of the work for which it was sanctioned, all these Gangmen were discharged on 15-5-1980. These gangmen have been re-engaged with effect from 16-6-1980 for newly sanctioned works.

Decline in volume of cargo handled by Coastal Shipping

3759. SHRI B. K. NAIR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the volume of Cargo including

Coal handled by Coastal Shipping during current year;

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

(c) the measures taken or contemplated to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Manufacture of ships at cheaper cost

3760. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to manufacture ships at cheaper cost in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to rationalising and standardising their designs to reduce the cost of construction, Government had already directed the four major public sector shipyards to specialise in building particular type of vessels so that they can optimally use the resources available to them. The shipyards have already done considerable amount of work on this basis. All efforts for reducing the cost of construction such as improved methods of construction, advanced outfitting and standardisation of components, quicker turn-round and improvement in productivity resulting in lesser man-hour utilisation and lower over-heads, etc. are being attempted.