

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including the initial rent fixed for such godowns;

(c) whether the rent was increased once and thereafter cut down arbitrarily; and

(d) the rent being paid as at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). A scheme known as A.R.D.C. scheme was introduced in 1976-77 under which Food Corporation of India (FCI) undertook to hire godowns constructed by private parties as per the required specifications. The rents of these godowns, as per the scheme, were fixed within a ceiling of 50 paise per square foot in urban areas and 40 paise per square foot in rural areas. The godowns were hired for a guaranteed period of five years extendable by one more year at FCI's discretion

(c) and (d). The rents of the godowns were not varied during the guarantee period. In cases where the godowns were retained after the guarantee period, the rents payable were negotiated and determined by the zonal/regional heads of FCI under the powers delegated to them.

New Project in the Hindustan Latex Limited, in Kerala

5379. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any new project in the Hindustan Latex Limited in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the achievement of the Hindustan Latex Limited during 1991-92;

(d) whether any foreign countries have

offered to assist in the production of condoms in the company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Hindustan Latex Ltd. have plans to set up the following projects in Kerala:

- (i) Copper T (IUD) Project
- (ii) Centchroman (SAHELI) —Oral Contraceptive Project.
- (iii) Blood Bag Project
- (iv) Hydrocephalus Shunt Project. In addition, the following projects are in very preliminary stage of formulation by Hindustan Latex Ltd
- (i) I.V. Fluid Project
- (ii) Urology Catheters Project
- (iii) Injectable Contraceptive Project.

(c) Hindustan Latex Ltd. has produced 455 million pcs. of condoms and despatched 411 million pcs from April to December 1991. The total sales turn-over is Rs. 2250 lakhs. The same trend is expected to be maintained by the company during January to March 1992

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise

[*Translation*]

Railway Projection Force

5380. SHRI BRJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to make Railway Protection Force more effective in view of constant increase in the cases of thefts, robbery and murders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Policing being a State subject, maintenance of law and order and control of related crime on railway premises including running trains is the responsibility of the State Governments which they discharge through their respective Government Railway Police. As regards the Railway Protection Force which is intended for the security and protection of railway property, various measures are being taken from time to time to modernise the force and to make it more efficient by equipping it with modern equipments, vehicles, arms and ammunition and training aids.

[*English*]

Financial Assistance from International Organisation for Research

5381. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance received from various International Organisations for medical research during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the financial aid likely to be received therefor during the next three years along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any such proposal/project from Maharashtra seeking financial assistance from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Cobalt Therapy Units

5382. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of Cobalt Therapy Units set up during the last three years for treatment of cancer patients, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Role of Women in Communal Harmony and National Integration

5383. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference on the role of women in maintaining communal harmony and national integration has been held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details with objectives of such Conference;

(c) whether the Government propose to draw programmes to involve women actively