

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Iscador is a proprietary preparation developed and produced by the Society for Cancer Research, Arlesheim, Switzerland. As per literature published by the Society, Iscador is a whole plant extract of *Viscum album* (mistletoe). Homoeopathy preparation of *Viscum album* is used for various ailments as per the symptomatology described in Homoeopathic materia medica.

Research in Iscador therapy for Malignant diseases by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy

4741. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy is carrying out research in Iscador therapy for Malignant diseases ; and

(b) if so, what is the objective and in which research centres of the council research in Iscador therapy is being carried out at present and since what date ?

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

(b) The objective is to evaluate the claim on Iscador in the treatment of Cancer. Research work is being carried out in the Clinical Research Unit, Bombay since March, 1985 and in the Regional Research Institute (Homoco), New Delhi since November, 1984.

Reintroduction of research in Iscador therapy for cancer without prior approvals

4742. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy conducted research in Iscador therapy for cancer which was stopped in the year

1982-83 on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that research in Iscador therapy for cancer had been introduced in 1984 without obtaining prior approvals of Scientific Advisory Committee, the body competent to approve the assignment to the research centres of the Council.

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

(b) Research in Iscador therapy was reintroduced in the Council with the prior approval of Scientific Advisory Committee.

Appointment of agents by Shipping Corporation of India to augment cargo support

4743. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has decided to appoint agents to augment cargo support etc. ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Shipping Corporation of India has always been operating through agents to secure cargoes for its liner services at all ports except Bombay, Calcutta and Mombassa where the work is done departmentally.

(b) SCI has cargo booking agents for its liner services at 12 ports in India and 67 ports abroad.

Representation made by small unit Diesel Engines Association

4744. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that Rajkot small unit Diesel Engines Association has made a

representation to the irrigation Ministry that prevailing "Q" mark system should continue for safeguarding the interest of small units ;

(b) what is the difference between ISI and Q mark ;

(c) is it a fact that "Q" mark engines and ISI don't differ in vital aspects ;

(d) is it a fact that "Q" mark is cheaper compared to ISI mark engine ; and

(e) why Government is hesitant to continue "Q" mark for some time ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Does not arise at present.

Increasing frequency of DTC bus services to Faridabad and Noida

4745. SHRI D.N. REDDY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the DTC bus services in the National Capital Region like Faridabad, Noida etc., are still very inadequate and the commuters find it difficult to reach their offices in time ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great need to run buses with frequency of 5 to 10 minutes between 8.00 A.M. to 9.30 A.M. so that people can reach their offices in time ; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to relieve the suffering of people in the aforesaid areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c).

Commuters of Faridabad and Noida are served by DTC through Inter-State and city services respectively. As for Faridabad, Haryana Roadways also operate its services to Delhi. Besides operating regular services from these points, DTC for the convenience of office-goers, has provided two special trips at 8.20 A.M. and 9.15 A.M. from Noida to Central Secretariat. The existing services on both the routes from both the places are considered adequate to meet the existing traffic demand.

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Closure of booking for transportation of goods at Beawar Station

4746. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that booking is closed for transportation of goods at Beawar Railway Station on Western Railway via Agra, Khandwa, Sabarmati, Ratlam etc. Stations ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in spite of availability of empty wagons at Beawar Station and the booking being open, the wagons are not provided to the traders in time ; and

(c) if so, the number of wagons booked for transportation of goods via above-mentioned stations at Beawar Railway Station during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. At present there is no restriction via these points. However, restrictions are imposed as and when necessary to avoid immobilisation of wagons.

(b) No, Sir. Indents are being cleared regularly against free destinations and there is no outstanding indent under any priority at Beawar as on 14.8.85.

(c) Year-wise position of wagons loaded at Beawar via these points is as under :