

completed in 1988-89:

- (i) Bina-Itarsi
  - (ii) Ramgundam-Balharshah-Nagpur
  - (iii) Nagpur-Narkhar
  - (iv) Guntur-Tenali
  - (v) Korba-Govra Road.
- (d) No, Sir.

#### **Single Dose Vaccine against Rabies**

609. SHRI D.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether a single dose vaccine against rabies has been discovered as a cure in Western countries; if so, whether such vaccines are available in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): The Government of India has no such information of discovery of a single dose vaccine as a cure against rabies in human beings, in Western countries.

#### **Setting up of Central Government Hospital at Jaunpur (Uttar Pradesh)**

610. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no Central Government Hospital with modern facilities anywhere in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and the people of that part of the country have to go to long distances for treatment;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a modern Central Government Hospital

at Jaunpur (Uttar Pradesh) on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Establishment of hospitals and provision of medicare facilities is the responsibility of the State Governments since the subject is included in the State list under the Constitution of India. As such it is for the respective State Government to open Hospitals in their areas, wherever required.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Usefulness of "Collegen Sheet" for Treatment of Leprosy Patients**

611. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Madras has developed a product called 'Collegen Sheet' a biological dressing material which is claimed to be very useful for dressing open skin surfaces of all descriptions such as burns, traumatic wounds with skin loss etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have tested their efficacy through their own agencies and if so, with what results;

(c) whether this can be used in the management and treatment of leprosy patients; and

(d) the financial implications of using this new material vis-a-vis conventional dressing material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The efficacy of Collegen Sheet for treatment of Ulcers in leprosy patients has been tested by the I.C.M.R. and the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute, Chenglepattu. The results of the initial trials of the Collegen Sheet have revealed that it is more effective in healing of Ulcer in leprosy patients.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The cost of Collegen Sheet is about two times that of Conventional dressing material. However, the total cost of treatment with Collegen may not be higher due to quicker wound healing.

**Canadian offer for Improvement of Urban Transport and Cargo Handling Vessels**

612. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Canadian Transport Minister during his recent visit has offered their technological know-how for improving urban mass transport, cargo handling vessels and movement of vessels in the crowded ports;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions under which Canada will give their technological know-how in these matters; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will

be laid on the Table of the House.

**Steps for Fuel Conservation by Transport Undertaking**

613. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for saving fuel used by the Central and State Transport Undertakings in view of the increasing demand and shrinking supply position;

(b) if so, the details thereof and with what results; and

(c) the future plans for effecting fuel conservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Steps taken by various public sector transport undertakings, for fuel saving include ensuring of better maintenance of vehicles, organising appropriate training courses for the drivers, fitment of speed control devices to optimise fuel consumption and phase wise induction of buses with reduced weights. The resultant annual savings in high speed diesel oil, as a result of various steps taken has not been reliably estimated.

(c) Future plan of action for energy conservation in road transport sector is to continue these steps by wider adoption, as also by use of bus-chassis and bus-body as per specifications designed consequent to the research by Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune/AIRI. A cell is specially constituted in CIRT, Pune to monitor the progress in achieving the measures adopted.