

sions underlined the general similarity of views of India and Indonesia on various international problems and provided an opportunity to further strengthen the existing friendship and understanding as well as help promote further cooperation in various fields.

**Printing of Passport Forms in Regional Language<sub>s</sub>**

2631. SHRI F. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to print passport application forms in all the Indian languages; and

(b) if not, whether this question is under consideration and when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration and a decision in this regard is expected to be taken soon.

**Hunger Strike by Telephone Operators in Araria, Bihar**

2632. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone operators of Araria in Bihar were on hunger strike;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any step thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) to (d). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha.

**Requirement of Steel in Madhya Pradesh**

2633. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of iron and steel in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government of India allotted Steel and Iron as per demand of Madhya Pradesh State; and

(c) if not, why and what measures have been adopted by Government to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) and (b). State-wise figures of requirement or demand for iron and steel are not available. As there is no statutory control on distribution of iron and steel at present, the question of any "allotment" does not arise.

(c) Supplies of steel to small scale units are routed through the Small Scale Industries Corporations. The steel requirements of such units in Madhya Pradesh are to be met mainly by the M.P. Laghu Udyog Nigam Limited. Supplies to the Nigam have considerably been stepped up. Despatches to the Nigam during the first six months of the current financial year are more than the total supplies made during the full year of 1977-78. Steps are under way to further increase the supplies during the second-half of the current year.

**Recommendations of the Committee of Development Cess**

2634. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL:

SHRI SHANKER SINHJI VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Development Cess is imperative for promoting the develop-

ment of minerals and mineral bearing areas;

(b) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Committee of Development Cess; and

(c) when Government propose to give effect to the recommendations?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA):** (a) and (b). Government have considered the recommendations of the Committee on Development Cess, but have not come to any conclusion regarding the levying of such a cess.

(c) Since a decision to levy a Development Cess is related to the amendment of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, it is not possible to lay down a specific time limit.

गई राशि को किन-किन राज्यों ने किया और इसके क्या कारण हैं, इ.

(ब) वित्तीय वर्ष 1976-77 78 के दौरान 1 अप्रैल, 1978 से 30 1978 तक मलेरिया के उन्मूलन विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन से कितनी वित्तिय सहायता प्राप्त हुई और इस प्रत्येक राज्य को कितनी-कितनी गई ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद शर्मा)**  
(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). राष्ट्रीय उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम एक केन्द्र प्रायोजित है। प्रश्नगत अवधि में इस योजना खर्च किया गया, वह इस प्रकार

**मलेरिया का उन्मूलन**

2635. श्री अनन्तराम जाधववाल : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश से मलेरिया का उन्मूलन करने की सरकार की योजना की असफलता का कारण वित्तीय संसाधनों की कमी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य सरकारों ने वर्ष 1976-77 और 1977-78 के दौरान पृथक-पृथक रूप से मलेरिया पर निर्वहन करने के लिए कितनी-कितनी राशि खर्च की है और वर्ष 1978-79 के दौरान कितनी-कितनी राशि खर्च करने का विचार है ;

(ग) वर्ष 1976-77 और 1977-8 के दौरान मलेरिया उन्मूलन के लिए ही

1976-77	4555.92
1977-78	5848.37
1978-79	7402.00
(आबंटन)	

वर्ष 1976-77 और 1977-78 के दौरान किए गए राज्यवार आबंटन और खर्च विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [संलग्न में रखा गया। देखिए संख्या एल 2999/78]। सामान्यतया प्रचालन संखर्च राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किया जाता सामग्री तथा उपकरण की व्यवस्था प्र केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा की जाती है।

(घ) राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया कार्यक्रम के लिए विश्व स्वास्थ्य बैठकें, गोष्ठियां आयोजित करने, कि