

(SHRI NIHAR RAJAN LASKAR):

(a) Yes.

(b) The following factors have contributed towards this decline in the incidence of Malaria in Delhi:

(i) Better coordination and supervision by the various authorities functioning in Delhi.

(ii) Augmentation of manpower and materials support required for the anti-Malaria operations in Delhi.

(iii) Better detection of cases by Malaria Clinics and Fever Treatment Depots established in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(iv) Involvement of engineers in the source reduction of mosquito breeding places.

(v) Fogging operations with Malathion.

(vi) Intensification of insecticide spraying in the rural areas and resettlement colonies with BHC 50 per cent wdp, etc.

(c) Yes.

(d) In order to ensure effective implementation of the Modified Plan of Operations under the National Malaria Eradication Programme, the Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration has been holding weekly review meetings with a view to pin-point the various handicaps and deficiencies noticed in the anti-larval operations, detection of domestic breeding, insecticide spraying operations, efficient functioning of Malaria Clinics, Fever Treatment Depots, Drug Distribution Centres, fogging operations, etc. during the course of implementation of the programme and to coordinate the activities of multiple administrative agencies responsible for the same in Delhi.

Chinese willingness in talks of Tibet

1369. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items appearing in Hindustan Times dated the 10th May, 1980 that China is ready to talk on Tibetan issue;

(b) if so, whether Government consider this as an attitude on the part of the Chinese Government to normalise relations in Asia; and

(c) if so, whether similar gesture has been shown to India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government have not seen any report in the newspaper of the date referred to, but have seen several press items on the various steps being taken by the Chinese Government in relation to Tibet.

(b) and (c). In our view any action by the Chinese Government in regard to Tibet and China's relations with countries in Asia are separate matters.

Unemployed Persons

1371. SHRI A. K. BALAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed people registered with the employment exchanges in the country so far;

(b) how many of them are registered during the year 1979-80;

(c) how many of them are Medical Engineering graduates; and

(d) the total number of persons who got employment during the year 1979-80 under the advice from the employment exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) The number of job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) on the Live

Register of Employment Exchanges at the end of March, 1980 was 146.90 lakhs.

(b) The number of job-seekers registered during the year 1979-80 was 57.82 lakhs.

(c) Information relating to Educated (Matric and above) job-seekers is collected at half-yearly intervals ending June and December each year. The number of Medical and Engineering graduate (including Post-graduate) job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges at the end of December, 1979 was 13.8 and 21.8 thousands respectively.

(d) The total number of job-seekers placed in employment through the Employment Exchanges during the year 1979-80 was 4.81 lakhs.

Coal movement to South

1372. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps Government have taken or propose to take to ensure quick coal movement to the various regions in the country especially to the South?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The Railways accord high priority to movement of coal to various parts of the country. The requirement of coal in the South has always been met at a fairly satisfactory level largely from Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh and the position continues to be so.

Representation from Southern Railway Personnel Branch Staff Association

1373. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation dated the 20th November, 1978 and 14th March,

1980 from the Southern Railway Personnel Branch Staff Association;

(b) if so, the salient points in the representations; and

(c) the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The representations contain a number of demands which include:

1. Grant of Bonus.

2. Scrapping of ban on creation of posts of office clerks.

3. Grant of overtime allowance to office staff.

4. Automatic promotion to next higher grade to those who have completed 25 years of service etc. etc.

(c) In accordance with Government's policy, staff representations received from any source are given due consideration and action as considered necessary is taken. The demands contained in the representations submitted by Southern Railway Personnel Branch Staff Association have been dealt with within the framework of this policy.

National Port Authority

1374. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in May, 1979 a seminar on Calcutta Port recommended setting up of a National Port Authority; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):