

it desirable to abolish the contract system because the pattern of traction is undergoing rapid changes and gauge conversion is in progress.

### **Invention of a drug useful in Child Birth and termination of pregnancy**

2069. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new drug, useful in child birth and also for medical termination of pregnancy has been developed by the scientists at the Regional Research Laboratory Jammu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). Scientists at Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu have been studying the anti-implantation and abortifacient activity of Pueraria Tuberosa. The results of the experiments in rats are quite encouraging. Further studies are continuing. Another drug vasicine Hydrochloride is also being tested for its abortifacient properties.

### **Railway expansion programme**

2070 SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion programme of railways during the last two Five Year Plans was not rapid as was planned;

(b) the number of new lines in Kilometres against planned target; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). During the 4th Plan (1969-70 to 1973-74)

modernisation and its concomitant emphasis on efficient and economical aspects of rail transport became the focal point. 790 kms. of new lines were built during this plan.

The stress during the Fifth Plan (1974-75 to 1977-78) was to provide carrying capacity for the increased passenger and freight traffic. Construction of 848 kms. of new lines was completed during this plan period.

The route kilometres on the Indian Railways during the past 30 years have grown by about 7000 kms. or by about 13 per cent, while track kms. have increased by about 26 per cent due to double tracking etc. During the previous plans outlay on new railway lines was around Rs 100 crores in each Five Year period.

### **जयंत विटामिन कम्पनी, रतलाम पर भविष्य निधि और कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा योजना की बकाया राशि**

2071. श्री निहाल सिंह: क्या भ्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जयंत विटामिन कम्पनी, रतलाम (मध्य प्रदेश) अपने दर्जे के अनुसार अपने कर्मचारियों को वेतन और मंहगाई भत्ता आदि का वितरण नहीं कर रही है और इस प्रकार वह कम्पनी अधिनियम के उपबंधों का उल्लंघन कर रही है और क्या सरकार को इस बारे में उसके खिलाफ कोई शिकायतें मिली हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उस पर कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा योजना और भविष्य निधि की भारी राशि बकाया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस कम्पनी के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

भ्रम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी. अंबेडकर): (क) से (ग). सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की सत्र पर रख दी जाएगी।