

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a). Yes, however, the instructions referred to were issued on 21-3-72 and not on 13-4-72 as stated in the question.

(b) to (d). The above instructions of South Eastern Railway were modified by the instructions issued from the Ministry of Railways on 27-4-79 which stipulated that periodical transfers in respect of ASMs, Commercial Staff and others should be ordered on a selective basis based on complaints or general reputation of such staff as available on record of Railway Administration. These modified instructions are being implemented on South Eastern Railway. Consequently the instructions contained in C.P.O.'s circular letter dated 31-3-72 are not being followed rigidly in all Divisions of South Eastern Railways.

India's contribution in solving Health Problems of Developing Countries

4475. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of World Health Organisation has made any observation that India should come forward and work actively in solving the health problems of the developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are his suggestions and what action Indian Government has taken in that context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). Yes. The Director General, World Health Organisation, during his visit to India in Feb., 1980 had observed that India, with its experience, could play a pivotal role in helping the developing

countries to achieve the goal of 'Health for All by the Year 2000 AD'. He had made this observation referring to India's vast manpower resources in medical and para-medical fields, a community based voluntary health scheme, primary health care centres at the periphery with a net-work of referral centres and centres of excellence where training could be imparted both to medical and para-medical personnel. He stated that India had already formulated its own national drug policy which had resulted in bring down drug prices and that several other countries were also following this line. Referring to the reemergence of malaria, Dr. Mahler had said that India had shown tremendous capacity to drastically bring down its incidence. He also felt that in all the four aspects of Health viz preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative, India has not only the infrastructure but also the training potential to offer to the developing countries, in the spirit of technical co-operation among the developing countries. The Government has given due consideration to the observations of the Director General, World Health Organisation and is already offering suitable technical assistance to the neighbouring and other countries which have sought help.

Accidents occurred in various Ports

4476. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some accidents have occurred at Indian Ports during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Port-wise;

(c) the details regarding these accidents and the reasons thereof; and

(d) the measures which Government have taken to prevent such accidents in future?