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(b) and (c). The pharmacist has already been paid the cash equivalent of leave salary at retirement and the dresser the Death-cum-retirement Gratuity. Other payments have been delayed due to administrative reasons and are likely to be made shortly.

#### International Maritime Conference

2266. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the principal suggestions of the three day International Maritime Conference being held from February 11, 1981 at Madras; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The suggestions of the International Maritime Conference held at Madras have not been received by Government from the Secretariat of the Conference so far.

#### Review of the facilities available to patients in various hospitals of capital

2267. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the periodicity, if any, fixed by Government to review the facilities available in various Government hospitals in the Capital including the AIIMS and also to keep acquainted with the condition of the patients lying unattended in the verandahs/compounds of the hospitals;

(b) when a review of the facilities available in the hospitals was made

last and what steps were taken by Government to improve these facilities;

(c) the number of visits, if any, made by the concerned authorities to the various hospitals during the last one year and the steps taken as a result of these visits;

(d) if not, why fixing of periodicity to review the facilities and for visits to the hospitals to keep abreast with the conditions of the patients lying unattended was not considered necessary; and

(e) whether Government would consider the desirability, such as periodicity in the larger interest of the patients who visits these hospitals for medical treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). No fixed periodicity exists to review the facilities. However, the facilities available in hospitals condition of patients are reviewed by the Medical Superintendent in charge of the hospitals, as and when necessary.

(c) to (e). Medical Superintendents who are senior level officers on the spot, review the facilities provided and the condition of patients in the hospitals as constantly.

#### Hauling of passenger trains by two engines

2268. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways propose to give priority for pulling up of passenger trains by two engines and that more and more longer trains will be given priority over introduction of new trains;

(b) whether Indian Railways propose to give priority for pulling up passenger trains by two engines on the Western Railway; and