

**WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :** (a) Rahul Pharma, Jammu has developed an Ayurvedic Drug in the name of S. Compound. The main ingredient of this drug is Salai Guggal (*Boswellia serrate*). This drug is claimed to be very effective for the treatment of Arthritis.

(b) and (c). There are many classical and patent Ayurvedic drugs for the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis being manufactured and marketed by various pharmaceutical concerns. Ayurvedic drugs, generally, have no toxic effect. It is for the manufacturer of the drug to take appropriate action for introduction of the drug in the Government Hospitals, dispensaries etc. and also for export of the drug as per procedure. The drug "Opren" is a brand of Benoxaprofen, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory compound. The drug Benoxaprofen has been withdrawn from U.K. and other countries because of toxic effects of the drug on various organs. The drug Benoxaprofen has *not* been approved for marketing in India.

#### Allotment of Bookstalls to Unemployed Graduate on Partnership basis

5001. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to accommodate those unemployed graduate persons who have formed a partnership by allotting them bookstalls ;

(b) whether from 1973, no association/society of unemployed graduates and actual workers turned up to obtain bookstalls ; and

(c) whether the Government have received suggestions to give minimum relaxation to the partnership for holding 5 bookstalls to each member, like other individual contractor, but no action has been taken so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) :** (a) All partnerships formed by young unemployed graduates are eligible for consideration for award of bookstall contracts.

(b) Amongst the existing allottees, there

are cooperatives, associations and partnerships of unemployed graduates as also cooperatives of actual workers/vendors.

(c) The suggestion has been examined but could not be accepted. A holding of 5 bookstalls are normally considered to be adequate to give sizeable profit to an individual or a partnership firm. Moreover, as per extant policy, the zonal railways, if considered justified, can allot them additional bookstalls beyond five, with the prior approval of the Ministry of Railways.

#### South African-Israel Joint Nuclear Test

5002. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express of July 10, 1983, captioned 'Joint N-tests by S. Africa, Israel' referring about the joint efforts made by S. Africa and Israel in developing atomic weapons ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto in the light of the grave threat to world peace presented thereby ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government views such reports with grave concern.

#### पद्मपुर मंडी को रेल लाइन से जोड़ना

5003. **श्री कुम्भा राम आर्य :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि गंगानगर जिले की पद्मपुर मंडी किसी रेल लाइन से जुड़ी हुई नहीं है और उस क्षेत्र के लोग इस संबंध में एक रेल लाइन की मांग कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) इस मांग पर ध्यान न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और