

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). The matter is still under examination in the Planning Commission.

Drug for Birth Control

1784. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 498 on the 24th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the drug for birth control discovered by a villager of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether it has been tested; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The drug has been tested and it has not been found satisfactory.

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

1785. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 495 on the 24th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal to undertake legislation for raising the status of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun to that of a University; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

Restriction on mills for purchase of wheat in Punjab

1786. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government has not yet with-

drawn its restrictions imposed on mills to buy their requirements of wheat from open market;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any representation from mill-owners in this regard; and

(c) if so, action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir. As far as we are aware, there are no current orders of the Punjab Government prohibiting the flour mills from buying wheat in the open market.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Kondra Bridge over Gobind Sagar

1787. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of progress made so far in the construction of Kondra bridge over Gobind Sagar of the Bhakra Dam; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) The work on the foundations and substructure for 6 piers out of 9 piers has been completed. Out of remaining 3 piers, excavation of one pier has been completed and well foundation for another pier viz., pier No. 4 is nearing completion. Superstructure between piers 1 and 2 and on top of pier No. 3 has also been completed. Arrangements for concreting of superstructure between piers 5 and 6 are being made. The over-all progress as on 30th June, 1961 is 60.08%.

(b) By the end of 1962.

Disappearance of Slack coal at Farrukhabad Station

1788. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slack coal from three wagons at Farrukhabad station for which the railway