

This shows there has been considerable development in Synthetic Fibre and Rubber industries in the recent past. Further, in order to provide for the 1973-74 estimated demand, additional capacity of approximately 57000 tonnes for non-cellulosic Synthetic Fibres and 20,000 tonnes of Synthetic Rubber has been approved and is under implementation. Some further capacity is also likely to be approved shortly. Capacities for certain raw materials have already been established and for others are under erection.

**Financial Crisis in the Homoeopathic Medical College, Bombay**

7251. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Homoeopathic Medical College in Bombay is facing serious financial crisis and is on the verge of closing down;

(b) whether several appeals and representations have been sent to Government enumerating the discontentment of the citizens; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Central Government to help the college ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) Government have received communications to this effect from the Office bearers of the Homoeopathic Education Society, Bombay which runs the Homoeopathic Medical College there.

(b) No.

(c) As under-graduate medical education is the responsibility of the State Governments, it is for the Government of Maharashtra to help the Institution to

meet its day-to-day expenditure. Insofar as the Central Government is concerned a grant of Rs. 1,00,000/ has already been sanctioned on an *ad-hoc* basis to the Homoeopathic Education Society, Bombay for development over and above the existing facilities, in respect of accommodation, equipment and staff of the College.

**Cases of Malaria in West Bengal and Bihar**

7252. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Malaria which broke out in West Bengal and Bihar States during 1969-70 and 1970-71;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the incident of Malaria throughout the country and particularly in West Bengal and Bihar during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the additional measures adopted by Government to check them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A.K. KISKU) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Import of Raw Material by Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.**

7253. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited is importing raw materials for its use; and

(b) if so, the total quantity imported annually during 1969-70 and 1970 71 ?