

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 ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1969-70 2,090.3 tonnes
1970-71 1,410.9 tonnes.

Acute Scarcity of Drinking Water in Asansol Coalfield Area

7254. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an acute scarcity of drinking water in Asansol Coalfield area;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether the water supply system is on the verge of breakdown; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve this problem ?

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

Sinking of Drinking Water Tubewells in Asansol-Ranigunj Area

7255. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of drinking water tubewells sunk by Government and other bodies in Asansol-Ranigunj area of West Bengal;

(b) how many are not functioning; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

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

Promotion of Welfare Services to Children

7256. SHRI N. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give priority to the promotion of welfare services to children ;

(b) whether they have formulated any plan for that purpose; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) Welfare services for children have been given high priority among social welfare schemes.

(b) Various schemes of Welfare services for children have already been incorporated in the Fourth Plan.

(c) The schemes include the following :

i) Family and Child Welfare Project for rural areas.

ii) Pre-vocational Training Programme for children who drop out after primary education.