

by the local "Weights and Measures" officials of the State Governments by checking the records of sales, stock receipts, stock on hand etc. State Governments are being requested to intensify such checks.

Anti-Cholera Vaccine for Bangla Desh Refugees

5207. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government's has been drawn to a report in the Times of India of the 13th June, 1971 saying that Air India took only two days to clear 72 huge packages of anti-cholera vaccine received from France and the UAR for the Bangla Desh refugees ;

(b) whether Government have received any report in this regard ;

(c) whether the vaccine, because of exposure to the sun have been rendered useless completely ; and

(d) whether any action is being taken against the persons held responsible for negligence of their duties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) to (c). 72 packages of anti-cholera vaccine were received at Palam Airport, New Delhi on the morning of the 11th June, 1971 by Air India from Bombay. A few packages of the vaccine were damaged and required re-packing under the supervision of Customs and security staff. Accordingly, the damaged packages were repacked and the entire consignment was despatched to Calcutta on the 14th June, 1971. In the meantime, the consignments were kept in a cool place. The vaccine was not rendered useless.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Fishing Harbour at Colombo and Trincomalee in Ceylon by USSR

5208. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether acceptance of the offer by the Soviet Union for developing fishing harbour at Colombo and Trincomalee

in Ceylon would lead to tension in the Indian Ocean ;

(b) whether it amounts to violation of the Lusaka Conference decisions ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government of India in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) As far as our information goes there has not been any offer by the Soviet Union for developing fishing harbours at Colombo and Trincomalee in Ceylon, nor of the acceptance of any such offers by the Ceylon Government.

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

Idle Blood Plasma Plant in A.I.I.M.S. New Delhi

5210. SHRI V. N. P. SINGH : SHRI N. K. SANGHI :

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

(a) whether two blood plasma plants gifted to Indian Red Cross Society by the British Red Cross Society have been lying idle in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for the last 8 years ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the running of these plants and to augment the present availability of blood-plasma ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) These two plasma plants were operated during the years 1965 and 1966 when all the available dry plasma was processed and used by the Armed Forces Blood Transfusion Centre. Since 1967, the plants have not been used due to shortage of voluntary blood donation as also there is greater demand for fresh blood than dry plasma.

(b) The plants are being re-assembled in a new location in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital and will be put to use to the extent that voluntary blood donations make it possible.

There is sufficient equipment available in the country for processing blood into plasma but it cannot be utilised due to lack of voluntary donors. Voluntary organisations like the Indian Red Cross Society and the Voluntary Blood Transfusion Service as well as various Blood Banks are engaged in promotion of voluntary donations but the response from the general public has not been encouraging.

Setting up Central Mental Research Institute in Eastern India

5211. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representations regarding the need for the establishment of Central Mental Research Institute in the Eastern part of India ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is already a Central Government Hospital for Mental Diseases at Ranchi, in the Eastern part of India, which provides adequate facilities for treatment and research of Mental Diseases.

नगर निगमों के सम्मेलनों में निर्णय

5212. श्री मूलचन्द डागा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में नगर निगमों के सम्मेलन किन-किन तारीखों को हुए और यदि सम्मेलन हुए तो उनमें क्या निर्णय किए गये तथा क्या उन निर्णयों की एक प्रति पटल पर रखी जायेगी ; और

(ख) क्या कुछ नगर निगमों की आर्थिक स्थिति काफी खराब है और यदि हां, तो उनकी आर्थिक स्थिति सुधा ने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने जा रही है और यदि कोई ऐसे

कदम नहीं उठाए जा रहे हैं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी० पी० चट्टोपाध्याय) :
(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान नगर निगमों का केवल एक सम्मेलन 21 तथा 22 अप्रैल, 1970 को मद्रास में हुआ था। इस सम्मेलन में पारित प्रस्ताव सदन विवरण में दिया गया है, जो मभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [प्रश्नालय में रखा गया। देखिये सद्यः एल० टी०—686/71]

(ख) यह सम्भव है कि कुछेक नगर निगमों की आर्थिक स्थिति अच्छी न हो, परन्तु यह राज्य सरकारों का काम है कि वे उनके सुधार के लिए कदम उठाये क्योंकि स्थानीय स्वायत्त शासन राज्य का विषय है। तथापि, भारत स कार नगर निगम की वित्तीय समस्या सहित कई और समस्याओं पर सम्मेलनों, विशेषज्ञ समितियों, आदि के द्वारा अधिक विचार करनी रही है और समय-समय पर ऐसी समितियों की सिफारिशों को लागू करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों पर जोर डालनी रही है। इसके अतिरिक्त केंद्रीय सरकार एक विस्तृत विधेयक पर सक्रिय रूप में विचार कर रही है जिसके अन्तर्गत स्थानीय निकाय वाणिज्यिक विभागों की सम्पत्ति पर स्थानीय कर लगा सकनी है।

मध्य प्रदेश में स्वास्थ्य प्रयोगशालाओं की स्थापना के लिये विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन से सहायता

5213. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की सहायता से मध्य प्रदेश में स्वास्थ्य प्रयोगशालाओं की स्थापना की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?