

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether in view of this shortage, Government of India propose to import cholera vaccine from some foreign country ; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of cholera vaccine ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) There is no shortage at all.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The production of cholera vaccine has been stepped up in the country. In addition, supplies are also being received as gift from W. H. O. and other International sources.

#### Shortage of drinking water in Refugee Mana Camp

5280. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of drinking water in the Mana Refugee Camp ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

(c) the arrangements made or likely to be made by Government to meet the shortage of drinking water in Mana Camp ; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To eliminate the risk of cholera spreading among the existing population in the camp, separate arrangements for water supply had to be made for the new evacuees. Moreover, the new camps are located in hard rock areas with poor water yield. The drilling of tubewells in such areas takes more time.

(c) 114 tubewells have already been commissioned in the three camps of Mana Bhata, Nawagaon and Kendri upto 14.7. 1971, 25 Calyx mills, 3 nos. high speed rock

drills are already under operation for drilling more tubewells. 3 Nos. new high speed rock drills are being moved from Bombay. Additional high speed rock drills are being arranged.

Arrangements have also been made to distribute water through water tankers.

(d) There is no separate allocation for drilling of tubewells. However, cost of tubewells already drilled and proposed to be drilled will be met out of an advance drawn from the Contingency Fund of India.

#### Provision of Canopy as shield against infection in Major Hospitals

5281. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a canopy that fits even the ordinary hospital bed now provides a curtain of sterile air flowing downwards and acts a shield against infection for patients, who have undergone surgery, was manufactured on the idea, given by Dr. Donald Longmore, a member of the British Heart Transplant ; and

(b) if so, when it is going to be provided in major hospitals of the country to ensure a bacteria free atmosphere to the patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). A canopy is a shield for diverting air-flow over the patient after a heart transplant operation. It is not widely used ; nor is it absolutely essential. This equipment has not come to a stage when it could be used as routine equipment for heart transplant cases.

It is also not used widely in other parts of the World.

#### Facilities to Members of Parliament for treatment at State Hospitals

5282. SHRI C. CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Members of Parliament get the same facilities in the State Hospitals as are available to M. L. As. ;