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**Over-Crowding in Maternity Ward of V.M. Hospital Agartala**

2694. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maternity Ward of V. M. Hospital of Agartala, Tripura is very much over-crowded ;

(b) whether Government of Tripura have asked money for more beds and staff of all categories ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government there-on ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPA-DHYAYA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on receipt.

**Organisations Engaged in Collecting Blood Plasma for Refugees from Bangla Desh**

2695. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether reports have been received by Government indicating that some organisations are engaged in collecting blood plasma and administering the same to the refugees coming from Bangla Desh indiscriminately ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPA-DHYAYA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Supply of Dust-Proof Goggles and Overalls to Tank Crews of Armoured Regiments**

2696. SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH KOTAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the Tank Crews in our Armoured Regiments are provided with dust-proof goggles and overalls which resist burns ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : Tank Crews in the Indian Army have been provided suitable goggles for protection against dust.

Fire resistant overalls have been developed recently. Steps are being taken to issue these overalls to the Tank Crews in the shortest possible time.

**Ex-Political Workers Colony in Bisalgar Area of Tripura**

2697. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Tripura propose to start an Ex-political Workers colony in Bisalgar area ;

(b) whether a Housing Co-operative of Ex-political workers have been set up ; and

(c) if so, whether housing loan will be given to it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). The requisite information has been called for from the Government of Tripura and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

**Instructions for Counting Services of Former Civilian School Masters for Pensions**

2698. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :

SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has issued instructions regarding counting the services of former