

(a) whether Government have given clearance for setting up of a Russian equipped 100-bed Paediatric Ward in the Medical College, Alleppy; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Ward is likely to be set up and start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). No offer of aid for setting up of a Russian equipped 100 bed Paediatric Ward in the T. D. Medical College Alleppy has been received by the Government of India from the Government of U.S.S.R. However, a proposal was received from Government of Kerala for seeking assistance from the Government of U.S.S.R. for setting up of two units, one each for Physiotherapy and Paediatrics in the above college. The proposal has been carefully considered and it was felt that in the present stage of development an medical specialities in the country, there is hardly any need to seek foreign assistance to start new units in Paediatrics and Physiotherapy Departments in Alleppy Medical College. The general condition of this Medical College is far from satisfactory and the institution should first concentrate on providing the necessary staff and equipment for basis disciplines before thinking of starting specialised departments. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

However, on the request of the Government of Kerala the Government of India have approved of the receipt as gift of various items of equipments from the Government of U.S.S.R. for use in the Paediatrics Department of the Medical College at Alleppy. The Government of U.S.S.R. have already been requested to release equipments to the Government of Kerala.

Dry Dock to build bigger ships

2966. SHRI M. S. SIVASWAMY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to be state :

(a) whether Government have chalk d out a plan to have new dry dock to build bigger ships in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the progress achieved in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) and (b). The Cochin Shipyard Projects includes the construction of a dry dock measuring 255 metres X 42.8 metres X 9 metres. This dock is expected to be completed by April 1974 and is designed to build ships upto 85,000 DWT. Tenders for construction of this dock have been received and are under evaluation.

Butter Oil imported by Delhi Milk Scheme

2967. SHRI K SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of butter oil imported by the Delhi Milk Scheme during the last two years country-wise and the cost thereof;

(b) the life of this commodity and the use to which it is being put;

(c) the quantity of butter-oil as on the 1st July, 1972 held in stock by the D.M.S. and the manner in which it is being preserved; and

(d) how it is proposed to consume it and the period in which the entire quantity will be consumed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) During the period 1.7.70 to 30.6.72, Delhi Milk Scheme received through Indian Dairy Corporation, Baroda 1,701 tonnes of imported butter oil at a cost of about Rs. 1.65 crores. The country-wise breakup of the imported butter oil has not been recorded by Delhi Milk Scheme

(b) The keeping quality of butter oil is about 6 months to one year in sealed tins, if kept in cold storage. The butter oil is being used by D.M.S. for recombination of Milks.