

(c) Three prototype B. G. Double Decker coaches are likely to be available in about 3 years.

#### Less Payment of Interim Relief to the Employees of I.D.P.L. Rishikesh

4973. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 27 has been deducted from the interim relief paid to the employees of I.D.P.L. Rishikesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether workers are likely to take a strike decision because of this deduction; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir, With effect from March 1970, the workers of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., were allowed an ad-hoc increase in their total emoluments as indicate below. The management have granted additional relief to their workers with effect from the 1st August, 1972 as given below:

Pay slabs	Ad-hoc increase given by IDPL on the last March 1970	Additional relief given with effect from 1st August 1972
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Below 85	27.50	1.50
85—209	27.50	13.50
210—499	27.50	22.50
	30.00	20.00
500—1250	45.00	15.00

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No strike notice has been received from either of the Union in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Soil Test for Tube Railway in Calcutta

4975. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether soil test for tube Railway in Calcutta has begun; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) Yes.

(b) Fifteen per cent.

#### Increase in Drug Prices and Steps taken to check it.

4976. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals have increased recently; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the steps taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Prices of drugs and medicines are controlled under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1970 and increases are allowed under the said Order, only where necessary due to increase in the cost of bulk drugs/raw materials.

The extent of increase in the prices of bulk drugs allowed in 1972, are given below:

(1) Insulin	From Rs. 4900/M.U. to Rs. 6680 M.U.
(2) Iodochloro Hydroxyquine-line (from 8 Hydroxy Quine-line)	From Rs. 62.14/kg. to Rs. 75.94/kg.
(3) (a) Vit B1 Hel (Injectable grade)	From Rs. 382/kg. to Rs. 430/kg.
(b) Vit B1 Monoetrate	From Rs. 382/kg. to Rs. 433/kg.