

(c) Precise details and quantum of work involved have not been worked out and hence expected expenditure is not possible to be indicated.

(d) As yet there is no specific proposal.

(e) The question does not arise.

**Elimination of Middlemen in Coal Distribution**

3221. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;  
SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to take over the distribution system of coal produced by mines in the country by eliminating the middlemen, and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and (b) The coal producing organisations in the public sector are already supplying most of the coal produced by them directly to the consumers without engaging any middlemen.

**Eye Diseases in Adivasi Areas**

3222 SHRI MARTAND SINGH. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of persons in the Adivasi area, particularly in Madhya Pradesh are suffering from eye diseases;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any Central Assisted Scheme to solve this problem on a national level; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of the persons in the Adivasi areas of the Madhya Pradesh, who are suffering from eye diseases, and the causes thereof, with a view to eradicate eye diseases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) No survey of all the eye diseases in Madhya Pradesh with particular reference to Adivasi area has been carried out in Madhya Pradesh; but a survey of 'Trachoma' was carried out by the I.C.M.R. in 1958 and the incidence of trachoma for the State as a whole was recorded as 41%

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely National Trachoma Control Programme is in operation in the State since March, 1963 and particular attention has been paid to the Adivasi areas 5 million population has already been covered under this programme by the end of the 4th Five Year Plan and a population of 9 million is projected to be covered.

(c) Not at present. An Independent Appraisal Team is being formed to review the working of the National Trachoma Control Programme and a decision regarding the survey will be taken up on receipt of the report of the team.

**इंडियन मेडिकल एसोसिएशन की मांगें**

3223. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय . क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इंडियन मेडिकल एसोसिएशन की ओर से कोई मांग प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?