

1. Inadequate import licences issued to manufacturers for import of drugs.
2. Non-availability of glass vials.
3. Non-supply of items like Ammonium Sulphate by the Fertilizer Corporation of India.
4. Inadequate supply of certain canalised items
5. Non-availability/limited availability of drugs in the international market

This matter was discussed with all appropriate authorities and the following measures have been taken to remedy the situation:

- (1) The Department of Economic Affairs have agreed to issue additional licences for import of life-saving drugs in short supply
- (2) Steps have been taken to augment the supply of Glass vials.
- (3) The Ministry of Food and Agriculture have agreed to release additional quantity of Ammonium Sulphate so that the requirements of the drugs units can be met
- (4) It has been arranged to airlift substantial quantities of Chloroquin Phosphate for meeting the immediate requirements of the country.
- (5) The Ministry of Commerce are taking action to discourage the export of bulk drugs in short supply.
- (6) Many drug firms have airlifted supplies to areas where essential drugs were reported to be in short supply.

Incurable diseases other than cancer

2573. SHRI P. M. MEHTA:
SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state.

(a) whether there are some diseases other than cancer for which there is no cure; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to find out the remedy of such diseases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) No

(b) Does not arise

Movement of raw material to steel Plants

2574 SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the recommendations made by Committee under Khandelwal's Chairmanship for movement of raw material to steel plants, and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). The Khandelwal Committee has submitted its recommendations in respect of the Steel Plants at Rourkela and Durgapur, the Tata Iron and Steel Co., the Indian Iron and Steel Co., and the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant. The Committee has made a number of recommendations for immediate and long-term implementation. The recommendations can be broadly considered under three categories, namely, those for imple-