

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Some quarters have been occupied by C.H.S. Dispensaries and the staff employed therein.

(b) Doctors 71.

Dispensaries 73.

(c) Yes.

(d) It has been decided in principle that all C.H.S. dispensaries should be housed in permanent buildings. With this objective in view, 8 permanent dispensary buildings have already been provided. Six more buildings are either under construction or are likely to be taken up for construction during the current financial year. Besides, sites for a few more dispensaries have been secured.

Out of the eight permanent dispensary buildings already provided, there is provision for residential accommodation for the staff in six of them. Provision for residential accommodation has been made in five out of the six permanent buildings under construction.

Railway Line Linking Rasmara with Mandla

3631. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a railway line linking Rasmara with Mandla touching Khairagarh and Dongargarh;

(b) if so, at what stage is its consideration; and

(c) by what time it is likely to be finalised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Supply of Maize to Madhya Pradesh

3632. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has asked for substantial

quantity of maize from Government of India for distribution in the tribal areas of the State;

(b) whether the demand of Madhya Pradesh Government has been considered; and

(c) if so, the action being taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). The Government of Madhya Pradesh had enquired if some maize could be allotted to them for distribution in the tribal areas of the State. They were advised that no stocks of maize were available in the Central reserve but wheat could be supplied to them, if required.

Travel Agencies

3633. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
 { Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the recent restrictions on foreign travels by Indians the small travel agencies are facing the prospects of closure;

(b) if so, how many such agencies are so affected; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction in this regard?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications ((Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) So far, no representations have been received in the Department of Tourism from big or small travel agencies in this connection. It is too early to judge the effects of the recent restrictions on foreign travels by Indians on travel agencies.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.