

PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) The expenditure incurred on the purchase of medicines for the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries during the last three years is given below :

Year	Rs.
1967-68	84,47,825
1968-69	78,63,678
1969-70	90,00,000 (approximately)

(b) Nine cases of alleged theft/pilferage of medicines from the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries involving 9 employees were detected during the year 1969-70 (Upto April, 70).

(c) The detection of cases of theft/pilferage of medicine from the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries mentioned at (b) above resulted from the following measures :

- (i) Investigation of reports/complaints by Special Police Establishment Central Bureau of Investigation.
- (ii) Surprise checks of Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries carried out by the Deputy Director General Assistant Director and Deputy Assistant Director (Stores) of the Central Government Health Scheme.
- (iii) Verification of Stores/accounts in the dispensaries conducted by the Stock Verifiers of the Central Government Health Scheme Medical Store Depot.

Assistant Director General (Central Government Health Scheme) being the Vigilance Officer for the Scheme is mainly responsible for such detections.

No special steps are required to boost the morale of any officer. Good work done is reflected in the Annual Reports which are taken into account for promotion/selection to higher posts.

New Antibiotic for Cancer

10073. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that a Japanese doctor has presented a new antibiotic for the prevention of spreading of cancerous cells in human body ; and

(b) whether Government have started or propose to start any research in this direction for this drug ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) There was a press report to this effect.

(b) The new drug is reported to be still in an experimental stage and the work on it has not yet been completed.

Revision Petitions Disposed by Commissioners of Income Tax in Bombay and Calcutta

10074. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Commissioners of Income Tax in Bombay and Calcutta during the last 3 years and the number of revision petitions disposed of by them during each of the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 and the number of such petitions pending before them as on the 1st April of these years ;

(b) the reasons for accumulation of the arrears ; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). The required information is not readily available and will be collected and laid on the table of the House as soon as possible.

Informants of Income-Tax Evasion

10075. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of informers, who supplied information to the Income-tax