

country today is self sufficient in the production of a number of vaccines, including vaccines required for the expanded programme of immunization. While some progress has been achieved in the field of an anti-malaria vaccine, it has not yet reached a level of production and introduction in the national programme.

Taking up a programme for the research and development of the technology of production of pure polysaccharide antigens including meningococcal vaccine as a pilot project is under consideration.

(c) It is a continuous process.

Early Discharge of Patients in A.I.I.M.S.

*678. SHRI ANADICHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences patients operated upon even for serious illness like stone in kidney are discharged from the hospital within a short period of four days ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such early discharge of patients when they are too weak even to stand ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : (a) and (b) It has been reported by the Institute that all patients undergoing surgery are kept in the Hospital as long as it is considered necessary for post operative care.

Expansion and upgradation of Mysore Railway Workshop

*679. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to expand and upgrade the existing Mysore Railway Workshop ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the machinery and other equipment in the workshop in large quantity have become unserviceable ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) when final decision is likely to be taken to renovate, upgrade and expand the Mysore Railway Workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : The condition of the items of Machinery and Plant is satisfactory. There are some items of Machinery and Plant whose condition is not upto the mark but these items are also use-able.

(d) Replacement of Machinery and Plant in Railway Workshop is done on age-cum-condition basis through annual Machinery and Plant Programme. Allocation of funds is made based on the overall ways and means position. Accordingly during the last five years, Machinery and Plant worth about Rs. 300.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for Mysore Workshop for replacement.

Shifting of Electrification Office from Nagpur to Allahabad

*680. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to shift existing Railway electrification office from Nagpur to Allahabad ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to shift the existing office of Chief project Manager, Railway Electrification from Nagpur to Allahabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Retrenchment of Contract Labour at Loco Sheds

*681. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to dieselisation and electrification more and more contract labour at loco-sheds face retrenchment ;