

ing to these categories may be considered favourably by the University authorities.

Help sought by Orissa Government for Paradip Port

*296. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has urged the Centre to intervene and help in the economic operation of Paradip Port;

(b) if so, details of the help sought by Orissa Government;

(c) whether the Centre has provided any help in this regard; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The State Government have taken up with the Government of India ways and means of increasing traffic at Paradip Port. The main emphasis is on the increase in iron ore export.

(c) and (d). The decline in the iron ore traffic at Paradip Port has been causing concern to the Central Government and several discussions have recently been conducted with concerned organisations. The MMTC which handles export of iron ore, reports that most of the iron ore exported from Paradip was in the form of lumps, while the preference in the international market was for fines. There is also slackness in the world iron ore export market and the inability of Paradip Port to handle vessels bigger than 60,000 DWT. The MMTC has been asked to explore the possibility of finding new avenues of export. Besides, to step up the traffic at the port, Ministry of Agriculture has been requested to increase the quantum of imported fertilizers at Paradip Port.

Pay Revision of State College Teachers

*297. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of colleges and Universities in a number of States have interim relief pending a pay revision which has been over due for the last five years; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to make a uniform recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). Government are not aware of any demand for interim relief pending pay revision nor is it correct to assume that a pay revision has become over-due for the last five years. Government have, however, received some memoranda from the organisations of teachers demanding a further revision of their pay scales. The salary scales of university and college teachers were revised with effect from 1-1-1973, the date from which the pay scales of Central Government employees were revised. Any further revision of pay scales of teachers has therefore to be considered as and when such a decision is taken by the Central Government in respect of their employees.

Drugs Resistant Malaria Virus

*298. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug resistant malaria virus has been found;

(b) how many persons are suffering from malaria on account of this in India;

(c) wherefrom did it originate and how did it spread to India;