

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;

(d) has any effective alternative drug been discovered;

(e) if so, is India producing that drug;

(f) what measures the Government are taking to contain mosquitoes; and

(g) would any emergency measures be taken to root out malaria?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) and (b) Malaria is not a viral disease. However, a particular type of malaria parasite i.e., *P. falciparum* has been found to be resistant to Chloroquine in some cases. During 1981 about 5,74,814 cases were recorded.

(c) This infraction was first reported in Thailand and subsequently it spread to some South Eastern countries including Indonesia, Bangladesh, Burma etc. It was first reported in India in 1973 in Karbi-Anglong district of Assam.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) India is producing some of these drugs.

(f) and (g) The Government is taking vector control measures like insecticidal spray operations and anti-larva] measures.

#### **Utilisation of Funds for Maintenance of National Highways**

**\*299. SHRI CHINGWANG KON-YAK:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount made available for maintenance of National Highways is not spent in full for this purpose;

(b) whether lack of proper maintenance of National Highways in the country has led to more fuel consumption and vehicle operating cost; and

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a system for timely review of utilisation of funds for better maintenance of National Highways?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESARI):** (a) to (c) No, Sir. The amount available for maintenance of National Highways is being fully spent and utilised. These highways are being maintained in a traffic-worthy condition within overall financial constraints. Several factors such as vehicle design and condition, nature and quantum of traffic, gradient and road design etc. affect fuel consumption and vehicle operating cost. Maintenance is only one of the factors involved. Fuel consumption naturally improves with better riding surface of Highways. The Government is already regularly reviewing improvements in maintenance as a result of which funds for maintenance have also been continuously increased.

#### **Concequence of India Railways Pharmacists Association, Pandu**

**\*300. Shri AJOY BISWAS:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any resolution adopted in the conference of Indian Railways Pharmacists Association held at Pandu, Gauhati on 18 April, 1982;

(b) what are the demands raised in the said resolution;

(c) steps taken by Government to fulfil their demands; and

(d) if no steps have been taken, the reasons thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MALIKARJUN):** (a) to (d) The Indian Railways Pharmacists Association is an unrecognised Sectional Organisation functioning on the Railways and a copy of the Resolutions passed by them in their Conference held at Pandu on 18-4-1982 was received by