

Fund amount to a little over Rs. 82 lakhs as shown below:—

(i) Investment in the 5 year Post Office Term Deposit Scheme through Treasurer, National Endowments of India, Ministry of Finance	Rs. 50.00 lakhs
(ii) Three year Fixed Deposit Scheme in the State Bank of India, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi	Rs. 18.00 lakhs
(iii) Cash Balances available in Bank Accounts	Rs. 14.47 lakhs
	Rs. 82.47 lakhs

3. Steps taken/being taken to augment the resources of the National Children's Fund are:—

(i) Soliciting donations from public undertakings, Business/Mercantile Houses;

(ii) Approaching Indian residents abroad through Missions;

(iii) Installation of donation boxes at the Headquarters and the Regional Field Units of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development;

(iv) Collections from public including schools;

(v) Printing and sale of greeting cards with special references to International Year of the Disabled Persons;

(vi) Continued sale of International Year of the Child seals up to 31 December, 1981.

4. Donations to the National Children's Fund presently qualify for 50 per cent exemption from Income Tax in the hands of donors.

5. So far no financial assistance has been released to any voluntary organisation from the National Children's Fund. However, proposals from voluntary organisations are under consideration for assistance from the National Children's Fund.

**Decreasing Trend in Breast-Feeding**

\*284. SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is decreasing trend in breast-feeding

in the country and that too specially among the urban elite;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cases have been detected which revealed that contents of the baby-food manufactured and sold in the country were not upto the prescribed standards; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up laboratories in each State to provide more facilities of chemical analysis of baby-food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All States except Meghalaya, Manipur and Sikkim have established laboratories for chemical analysis of foods, including baby foods. Amongst Union Territories Delhi, Pondicherry and Goa, Daman & Diu have established laboratories. Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar has initiated action for establishing a food laboratory.

**Bookstalls at Stations**

\*285. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 3692 dated 10-9-81 regarding Bookstalls for unemployed graduates and state:

(a) whether it is fact that two Private Ltd. Companies, A.H. Wheeler and M. Gulab Singh & Sons are holding a large number of Bookstalls on the big and medium stations and the policy of holding five Bookstalls does not apply on them;