

**Opening of New Hospitals in Delhi**

\*682. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of great rush of patients in various Government hospitals in Delhi, Government are considering any proposal to open new hospitals in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of the following two new hospitals is in progress, namely:—

(a) 500-bedded Hospital at Shahdara.

(b) 500-bedded Hospital at Hari-nagar.

Besides, the Delhi Administration propose to establish seven 100-bedded hospitals in rural areas and resettlement colonies.

(c) Does not arise.

**Dredging of Mormugao Port**

\*685. SMT. SANYOGITA RANE:  
SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present arrangement for dredging of Mormugao Port;

(b) when the Port was last dredged and whether it is fully capable of receiving the large ocean carriers;

(c) whether it is proposed to purchase more dredgers for unhindered and efficient berthing and receiving of ocean carriers at the Port; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) At present the port has 3 dredgers i.e., S.D. Mandovi II, S.D. Zuari and G.D. Sal. Mandovi II is manned by Dredging Corporation of India Officers and Mormugao Port Trust crew, and is working round the clock. S.D. Zuari is entirely manned by Mormugao Port Trust staff and is working 12 hours a day. G.D. Sal is manned entirely by Mormugao Port Trust crew and is working 12 hours a day.

(b) Maintenance dredging is a continuous process and the required depths are maintained for receiving large ocean carriers.

(c) There is no proposal to acquire any more dredgers.

(d) Not applicable.

**Lepers in the Country**

\*686. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the estimated number of lepers in the country as on 31st May, 1980;

(b) when the last census of lepers was taken;

(c) how many lepers' homes and social organisations are operating in the country and the lepers treated thereof; and

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent survey conducted by German leprosy Relief Association and the findings thereof;

(e) what special attention Government will give to the fast growing leper problem in the country during the International Year for the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The number of leprosy patients in the country as on 31st May, 1980 is not exactly known. The estimated