

Standing Labour Committee meetings

*77. **SHRI DINESH JOARDER**: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discontinue the practice of holding Standing Labour Committee meetings to determine any change in the labour legislation and to initiate a new direction in the matter of industrial relations; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Several important matters are now discussed at meetings of the National Apex Body.

Foreign Minister's visit to Nepal

*78. **SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI**;
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue with regard to Indo-China border and Chinese attitude towards India was discussed between India and Nepal during the recent visit of External Affairs Minister to Nepal; and

(b) the outcome of the talks held?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YESHWANT RAO CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Three-tier Rural Health Scheme

*79. **SHRI SARJOO PANDEY**: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had suggested a three-tier Rural Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH). (a) The Prime Minister in her address to the 31st Joint Conference of Association of Physicians of India, had suggested the suitability of a three-tier system of health services.

(b) The three-tier system as suggested by the Prime Minister consists of the following:—

- (i) Neighbourhood dispensaries and Primary Health Centre;
- (ii) Service Hospitals like sub-division hospital and District Hospital; and
- (iii) Specialist institutions/teaching hospital/Regional Hospitals.

(c) Recognizing the need to take health services to the remotest parts in the country the draft-Fifth Plan had formulated a scheme of minimum needs programme. Under this programme it is proposed to establish one Primary Health Centre for each Community Development Block and one sub centre for a population of 10,000. It is also proposed to make up deficiencies in buildings of Primary Health Centres and sub-Centres and provide drugs worth Rs. 12,000 per Primary Health Centre and Rs. 2,000 per sub-Centre. The Programme also includes the upgradation of one out of every four Primary Health Centres into a 30-bed rural hospital. These hospitals are expected to provide routine common specialised services in addition to preventive and promotional health care programme.

With a view to avoiding the duplication of health services, the Government of India have accepted the multi-purpose workers scheme in lieu of uni-purpose workers. The Government had also set up a Group on Medical Education and Support Manpower. This Group besides making important