

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that in the absence of hospitals or dispensaries in the rural areas the Government propose to have mobile dispensaries with qualified doctors so that medical benefits can be had by the village population also.

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** This is an excellent suggestion. I have myself had this matter examined, at not a very serious level. It has not yet gone to the Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, etc. It is an excellent suggestion. But there are aspects which will require very careful consideration particularly in regard to the use of vehicles and their maintenance, repairs, etc.

**Proposal to build New Shipyards Establishment of Central Design and Research Centre for Ship Building and Foreign Collaboration**

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\*383. **SHRI P. M. MEHTA:**  
**SHRI P. GANGADEB:**

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

(a) whether Government of India are going to build two new shipyards and establish a Central Design and Research Centre for ship-building;

(b) if so, where the new shipyards are expected to be located;

(c) whether ship builders in Britain and West Germany were interested in India's proposals for collaboration arrangements to build two new shipyards; and

(d) if so, the nature and extent of the help these two countries would give?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE**

**MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA):**  
(a) The question of setting up more shipyards in the country is under consideration. It is also proposed to set up a Central Marine Design and Research Organisation.

(b) The location of new shipyards has yet to be decided.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Possibilities of collaboration are being explored.

**SHRI P. M. MEHTA:** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether, taking into consideration the natural advantages of the sea-coast of Saurashtra and the facilities of good harbours of Saurashtra, any proposal is under consideration to set up one Shipyard in Saurashtra region of Gujarat and; if so, the proposed location of the new Shipyard and; if not, the reasons thereof.

**SHRI OM MEHTA:** The Gujarat Government has recommended Porbunder as the site for the new Shipyard. But I cannot say anything at this stage because all the proposals which have been received from various State Governments are under consideration. The decision will be taken only in the Fifth Plan. Nothing can be said at this stage.

**SHRI P. GANGADEB:** I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether the Government has made any study of the designs, technical and managerial capabilities to build bigger ships in India and; if so, what are the broad details thereof.

**SHRI OM MEHTA:** No comprehensive study has yet been made. But we are going to set up a Design Centre for this and already Poland has agreed to give us some help in this direction. The talks are still going on. After that, we will know where we stand. At present, we are purchasing the know-how from foreign countries.

**SHRI P. R. SHENOY:** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the possibility of putting up a

Shipyard in Mysore State will be considered.

**SHRI OM MEHTA:** As I have already said, all the proposals which have been received from various States are under consideration. Nothing can be said about them at this stage. I do not think any proposal has been received from Mysore State. One M.P. has written about it. But no proposal has been received from the Mysore Government.

**SHRI JAGANNATH RAO:** Is there any recommendation received from the Government of Orissa for the location of a ship-building yard in paradeep Port?

**SHRI OM MEHTA:** Yes, Sir; it has been received. It will also be considered along with the other proposals received from various States.

**SHRI R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:** May I know from the hon. Minister by what day we can expect a ship from the Cochin Ship Building Yard if the work is going on so slowly as it is?

**SHRI OM MEHTA:** The Cochin Shipyard will start construction in 1974 and we can expect that, by 1976, it will be ready.

#### Financial Aid for the removal of Slums in Kanpur

\*385. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mayor of Kanpur recently met him and requested for financial aid for the removal of slums in Kanpur;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any financial aid has been given in 1973?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUS-**

**ING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA):** (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Mayor of Kanpur wanted financial assistance for slum re-housing scheme of the Kanpur Municipal Corporation. As slum re-housing is in the State Sector of the plan, the Mayor has been advised to approach the Government of Uttar Pradesh for this purpose.

However, the Central Government have sanctioned Rs. 146.9 lakhs as grant for environmental improvements in the slums of Kanpur.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** An hon. Member of this House, Shri Ashoke Sen, was heading a one-man Commission to decide the long-term and short-term plans for slum clearance in which five cities were involved and Kanpur was one of them. I would like to know what financial assistance has been given by the Centre to the State Government under that scheme for long-term and short-term plans for slum clearance in Kanpur—whether any assistance has been given or is likely to be given during the Fourth plan.

**PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA:** As I have said already, Rs. 146 lakhs have been provided for slum improvement. Secondly, I would like to draw hon. Member's attention to the fact that it is through Finance Ministry that block loans and block grants—loans to the extent of 70 per cent and grants to the extent of 30 per cent—are provided to the State Governments for various improvement projects, and it is according to the identified priorities and requirements of the State Governments, they utilise the money. So, under that head, they might have got, and they have got; the exact figure is not with me. Besides that, some other money has been provided to Kanpur for slum clearance and slum improvement.

**SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** I would like to know whether the hon. Minister is aware that many houses were