

Important steps already taken to relieve congestion at Bombay include diversion of traffic to other ports, mid-stream unloading in barges wherever feasible, increase in the strength of shore labour by fresh recruitment, etc.

(c) Development of port capacities is a continuous process. Planning Commission have tentatively indicated provision of Rs. 390 crores during 1978-83 for development and modernisation of major ports. This includes about Rs. 71 crores for development of Bombay Port.

#### Implementation of Scheme to Eradicate Bonded Labour

\*51. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

SHRI K. A. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether Union Government has collected data regarding the performance in implementation of the scheme to eradicate bonded labour scheme throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS: (SHRI LARANG SAI): (a) The Union Government has commenced collecting data regarding the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Bonded Labour Rehabilitation in 23 districts.

(b) The State-wise details are awaited from the Governments concerned.

#### Invitation to Indian Doctors to work in UAE

\*52. CHAUDHURY BRAHM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Arab Emirates have expressed de-

sire to invite Indian doctors to work in UAE hospitals;

(b) if so, the full particulars of the communication received from UAE in this regard; and

(c) the response of the Indian Government towards this request of UAE?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A delegation led by the Health Minister UAE, during its visit to India in January, 1979, expressed keenness to obtain the services of Indian doctors and para medical personnel for working in the hospitals in their country. However, no specific formal request has so far been received by the Government. Any such request, whenever received will be given sympathetic consideration.

#### Spread of V.D.

\*53 SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: SHRI SARAT KAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports of the increasing incidence of V. D. particularly in big cities like Bombay where it is 'alarming' and the victims include school going teenagers; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made efforts to control the VD menace by understanding its biological, sexual, sociological, ecological and socio-economic aetio-patho genetic aspects?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): (a) No, Sir. V.D. (S.T.D.) is not a notifiable disease and as such adequate data on the incidence of disease in big cities like Bombay is not available.