

(c) Some of the measures taken to check recurrence of such incidents in passenger carrying trains are :—

(i) use of rubberised coir in place of foam cushion to reduce its inflammability;

(ii) provision of fuses in negative circuit also. Relocation of fuses and increasing the length of unprotected length of branch wires;

(iii) replacement of combustible ceiling material by limpet sheath;

(iv) use of fire resistant paint over wooden battens, wooden troughing, etc.;

(v) provision of spark arresters on steam locomotives to prevent escaping of burning cinders; and

(vi) publicity through posters, pamphlets, cinema slides, Radio and T.V. regarding hazards involved in carrying inflammable articles in compartments.

Funds for thermal power projects

713. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering entering foreign capital market as a measure of overcoming the shortage of funds for meeting the Seventh Five Year Plan requirements of thermal power projects like the N.T.P.O; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the plan drawn up and the anticipated funds to be raised for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) (a) and (b) The Seventh Plan has not been finalised so far. There is no plan at present to enter the foreign capital market. However, some power projects to NTPC's projects are posed

for World Bank and bilateral assistance.

Anti-Meningitis Drugs

714. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether according to some experts effects of the vaccine against meningitis imported from France lasted for a couple of weeks only;

(b) whether the quantity of vaccine doses imported is adequate to cope with the demand; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to import more doses of the vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, sufficient quantity of vaccine has been imported to cover high risk groups.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance of Vardaraja Swamy Project Stage II in Andhra Pradesh

715. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has represented to the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Delhi regarding clearance of the Vardaraja Swamy Project Stage II, single window and Telugu Ganga Projects;

(b) if so, what are the details of the representation, what is their present stage of progress;

(c) what is the likely cost of each of these projects when completed and the benefits accruing to the region; and