

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of works to be executed by this fresh loan; and

(d) what is the overall progress in the works being executed by the C.M.D.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At this stage the proposal is in a preliminary stage, and details will be worked out later.

(d) Since inception, the expenditure on various projects undertaken by CM DA has been to the tune of Rs. 131.74 crores. A sum of Rs. 31.65 crores has also been earmarked for 1974-75. Different projects are progressing and efforts are being made to speed up the execution of the projects.

Irrigation Project in Maharashtra

1668. SHRI K. N. DHULAP:

PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a dispute over the location of an irrigation project at Khujgaon in Sangli District in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the State Government.

1669. [Transferred to the 19th December, 1974.]

1670. [Transferred to the 19th December, 1974.]

Nationalisation of Drug Industry

1671. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement made by the Kerala Health Minister which appeared in the 'Hindu' of 30-11-1974 on the nationalising of drug manufacturing concerns;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to nationalise the drug industry; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for non-nationalising the industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) to (c) According to the news item, the Kerala Health Minister, while speaking on the occasion of the Pharmacy Week celebrations in Trivandrum stressed the need for making available medicines to the public at moderate prices and for nationalising drug manufacturing concerns in this regard.

There are 116 drug manufacturing units in the organised sector and about 2300 units in the Small Scale Sector engaged in the manufacture of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals. The value of bulk drug production presently in the country is about Rs. 50 crores of which Public Sector accounts for a production of Rs. 18 crores. The value of formulations produced in the country is estimated at about Rs. 360 crores. The share of Public Sector in production of drug formulations in 1972-73 was about 8 per cent. A provision of Rs. 70 crores has been included in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan for expansion/diversification of drug industry in the Public Sector. The draft Fifth Five Year Plan envisages increase of production of drugs formulations to Rs. 500 crores and of bulk drugs to Rs. 150 crores.

The Parliament's Committee which is examining the programmes relating to Social services, Education, Man-power Planning and population policy under the draft Fifth Five Year Plan has made the following suggestion in respect of drug industry :—

"The Drug Industry should be nationalised to control the prices and ensure quality."