

**Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Physical  
Medicine and Rehabilitation**

- ◆220. SHRI KHURSHED  
ALAM KHAN:  
SHRI HARSH DEO MALVIYA:  
DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:  
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:

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

ia) whether it is a fact that the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, is passing through deep financial and administrative crisis;

tb) whether it is also a fact that the handicapped workers and other staff of the Institute are not paid their salary regularly causing enormous hardship to them and their department; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that some of the employees could not be paid by the Institute Authorities regularly because of ways and means difficulties. According to the Council for the Aid of the Crippled and the Handicapped, which manages the Institute, some of the employees, have been disturbing the normal working of the Institute.

(c) The Council is a registered society. Substantial grants have been paid to it and further grants will be released as soon as the Council complies with certain essential requirements. In consultation with the Council, an Accounts Officer is also being posted by the Government to look after its finances.

**Wastage of Foodgrains by rats**

- \*221. SHRI BHOLA  
PRASAD: SHRI B. D.  
BARMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains stored in the Food Corporation of India

godowns have been destroyed or damaged by rats;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains destroyed or damaged during the years 1972 to 1974; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid such waste!'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) Loss due to rats in the scientifically constructed godowns of the Food Corporation of India is practically nil. Also in the hired godowns, control measures are being adopted to minimise loss due to rats. Progressively the hired godowns are being replaced by rodent-proof godowns to store foodgrains, to eliminate rat menace.

**Port of Calcutta**

\*222. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suggestions given by some Members of Parliament from West Bengal at the meeting called on 7th May, 1974 by the Ministry of Shipping and Transport to discuss how to save the Port of Calcutta and deepen the draft at Haldia have been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) and (b) The suggestions made by the Members of Parliament from West Bengal at the meeting held on 8th May, 1974, have been considered in consultation with the Calcutta Port Commissioners. Improvement of navigability of the river Hooghly by construction of barrages and dykes does not find support from accepted principles of tidal hydraulics. All necessary measures to improve navigability of the Hooghly are being taken by the Calcutta Port Commissioners.