

**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:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawa-
harlal Nehru Institute of Physical Medi-
cine and Rehabilitation, is passing through
deep financial and administrative crisis;

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

(c) if so, what steps Government pro-
pose 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 Ins-
titute, some of the employees, have been
disturbing the normal working of the Ins-
titute.

(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 es-
sential 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 con-
structed 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 TRANS-
PORT 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 TRI-
PATHI): (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 con-
sultation with the Calcutta Port Commis-
sioners. Improvement of navigability of
the river Hooghly by construction of bar-
rage; and dykes does not find support
from accepted principles of tidal hydrau-
lics. All necessary measures to improve
navigability of the Hooghly are being
taken by the Calcutta Port Commissioners.