

Delhi a new wiring system for call bells has been fitted in the flats;

(b) if so, what is the expenditure incurred on this new system of wiring; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) Since the verandahs have been glazed in the various flats it was necessary to shift the push buttons from inside to outside which required some small extension of wiring.

(b) The work of re-wiring the flats mentioned in (a) above is in progress. The total cost of this work is estimated to be Rs. 1,100.

(c) As stated in (a) above.

#### Short Supply of Vanaspati

823. SHRI SITARAM KESRI :  
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Vanaspati continues to be in short supply; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Printing of Manuscripts of Literary Works of Ancient Poetry

824. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme for printing of the manuscripts of

various literary works of ancient poetry so as to bring them within the reach of the general readers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government have a scheme of assistance to voluntary Educational Organisations for promotion of Indian languages under which grants are given *inter-alia* for translation and publication of manuscripts and books on cultural, literary, indological, linguistics and scientific subjects from any language (Foreign or Indian including Hindi) in Indian languages (including English) and for editing and/or publication of old manuscripts in the original languages to the extent of 50 per cent of the total approved expenditure involved. The Voluntary Organisations/educational institutions, which are registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890 or registered under the Co-operative Societies Registration Act prevalent in the State for the time being, or any other similar organisations are eligible for grant under the scheme. The scheme is advertised in the important newspapers every year and applications for financial assistance received through the respective State Governments are considered.

Government have also another scheme for editing and publication of rare manuscripts in Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic and Persian under which financial assistance is given to registered institutions or institutions maintained by Government or semi-Government bodies excluding those affiliated or maintained by universities which are engaged in the editing and publication of rare manuscripts in the country. Financial assistance is given upto 50 per cent of the expenditure involved. Before starting the work each institution is required to settle with the Board of Editors set up by Government the lines on which the work is to be carried out. The inst

tution is required to furnish free of cost not more than 150 copies of the publication to such institutions as may be named by Government.

#### Death due to Japanese Encephalitis

825. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people who died due to Japanese encephalitis, State-wise during the last six months; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check the disease, and with what results ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### नेत्र रोग

826. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितने लोग नेत्र रोगों से पीड़ित हैं;

(ख) क्या मोतिया बिन्द, एक प्रधान नेत्र रोग है और यदि हाँ, तो राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर इस समस्या को मुलजाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार नेत्र रोगों से पीड़ित व्यक्तियों तथा इसके कारणों का सर्वेक्षण कराने का विचार रखती है जिससे कि इस नेत्र रोग को खत्म किया जा सके?

#### †[Eye diseases

826. SHRI J. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons suffering from eye diseases in the country;

(b) whether cataract is one of the main eye-diseases; and if so, what steps are being taken to solve this problem on a national level; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of the persons suffering from eye-diseases and the causes thereof with a view to eradicate eye disease ?]

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ए० के० किस्कू) : (क) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार देश में लगभग पाच करोड़ लोग नेत्र रोगों से पीड़ित हैं।

(ख) बड़ी आयु के लोगों में मोतिया बिन्द आम हो जाता है। देश के सभी राजकीय/केन्द्रीय सरकार के अस्पतालों में इन रोगों पर उपचार के लिए आपरेशन की पर्याप्त सुविधाएँ हैं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) According to available information, about 50 million persons suffer from eye diseases in this country.

(b) Cataract is a common eye disease amongst people of elderly age group. Adequate facilities for performing operations for curing the disease are available in all major State/Central Government hospitals of the country.

(c) No.]

†[ ] English translation.