

AYURVEDIC DISPENSARY OF THE C.G.H.S. IN KIDWAI NAGAR

634. SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that patients have to stand in queue for more than an hour at the dispensing counter of the Ayurvedic Dispensary of the Kidwai Nagar for taking the medicines; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ease the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) and (b) The daily average attendance of C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Dispensary at Kidwai Nagar is 276. Two Pharmacists plus one Store-keeper have been posted there. Normally, it takes 20—30 minutes for a patient to collect medicines from dispensing counter; but when a Pharmacist is on leave or there is power breakdown, it may take a little longer.

However, steps are being taken to provide a substitute for the absentee official and provision for non-electric light, in case of power breakdown.

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT

635. SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of capacity utilisation of Visakhapatnam port during the year 1972-73, fell sharply as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken and are being taken for optimum utilisation of capacity of that port?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) The percentage of capacity utilisation of Visakhapatnam Port during 1972-73 was 66 per cent as compared to 76 per cent in 1971-72, in terms of total traffic handled.

(b) The main reason for the decrease was fall in exports of iron ore and manganese ore and in imports of food-grains, crude oil and fertiliser raw materials.

(c) The Port Trust is in touch with the parties concerned with a view to increasing traffic through the Port.

GREEN MANURES AND CHEMICAL FERTILISERS

41. SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the possibility of having a proper mix of green manures and chemical fertilisers;

(b) if so, what will be the requirements for each of them in the Fifth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) how Government propose to meet these requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE: (a) to (c) The Ministry has been continuously pursuing with the State Governments the need for mobilising and utilising all local organic manures including green manure, alongwith the chemical fertilisers. The Union Minister of Agriculture has also written to the Chief Ministers of States very recently to organise campaigns for the use of local manurial resources alongwith a kharif campaign. It is proposed to take up an intensive drive in the Fifth Five Year Plan for the use of local manurial resources including green manuring at a cost of Rs. 12 crores. For producing the targetted quantities of foodgrains and other crops by the end of Fifth Plan period, it has been estimated that 8.5 million tonnes of plant nutrients will be required.

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