

(b) Currently, no vessels, big or small can pass through the Canal and all vessels have to come via the Cape of Good Hope. However, when the Canal is open, all vessels carrying kerosene for India can pass through it.

(c) The long route takes approximately six weeks as against three weeks by the shorter route. The increased freight has generally been of the order of Rs. 36.00 per metric tonne.]

#### COAL-BASED FERTILIZER PLANT AT KORBA

\*566. SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the present position relating to the establishment of a Coal-based fertilizer plant at Korba?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH): The report on a coal-based fertilizer plant in Madhya Pradesh is at present under the scrutiny of a sub-Committee of the Board of Directors of the Fertilizer Corporation of India. The Corporation has also approached the State Government and other authorities for suitable arrangements and assurances in respect of water, power, coal etc. The Government are awaiting the final recommendations of the Board of Directors.

#### सफ़दरजंग अस्पताल के कोआपरेटिव स्टोर का कार्यकरण

\*569. श्री रेवती कान्त सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन और नगर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आडीटर कोआपरेटिव सोसाइटीज (स्टोर्स) दिल्ली ने अपने पिछले प्रतिवेदन में सफ़दरजंग अस्पताल, नई दिल्ली के कोआपरेटिव स्टोर और कैंटीन के कार्यकरण के विषय में गंभीर आपत्तियाँ उठाई हैं; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इन अनियमितताओं को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

#### †[WORKING OF THE SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL CO-OPERATIVE STORE

\*569. SHRI REWATI KANT SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Auditor, Co-operative Societies (Stores), Delhi in his last report has raised serious objections regarding the working of the co-operative store and canteen of the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to eliminate the irregularities?]

स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन और नगर विकास मंत्री (श्री सत्यनारायण सिंह) :  
(क) तथा (ख) जी नहीं, ये मामान्य आपत्तियाँ हैं।

कोआपरेटिव सोसाइटीजों में कामों का विनियमन करने वाली वैधानिक अथॉरिटी रजिस्ट्रार होता है।

†[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SATYANARAYAN SINHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The objections are of a routine nature.

The statutory authority to regulate the affairs of the cooperative societies is the Registrar.]

#### RAIDS ON BULLION SHOPS IN AHMED-ABAD

\*570. SHRI B. D. KHOBARGADE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of raids on the Bullion shops in Ahmedabad were conducted by Government in the last week of February, 1968:

†[ ] English translation.