

been made as a result of discussions held between the Chief Ministers concerned;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the work on the project will start?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) to (b) The Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat met at Pachmarhi on Tuesday, the 23rd May, 1967 and had discussions on the subject. These are to be continued in the next month.

#### **PALAI CENTRAL BANK**

\*240. SHRI DEVI SINGH:  
SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the latest position with regard to payment of dues to depositors of the Palai Central Bank (under liquidation)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): A total sum of Rs. 5.58 crores has so far been paid to or provided for the depositors of the Palai Central Bank out of the total deposit liabilities of Rs. 3.51 crores, including three dividends aggregating 58 paise per rupee. A "final dividend of 3 paise per rupee is to be paid with effect from the 22nd June, 1967.

#### **DEPUTATION ALLOWANCE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

•205. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of expenditure which was incurred by the Central Government during the last two financial years on account of payment of deputation allowance to various categories of its officers; and

(b) whether Government propose to discontinue this system for considerations of economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The information is not readily available. Its collection will involve considerable time and labour which will not be commensurate with the result;

(b) No, Sir.

#### **JET-GUN INJECTOR FOR SMALL-POX VACCINE**

\*206. SHRI BIRA KESARI DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for small-pox vaccine, the jet-gun injector is more painless and time saving than the usual prick of the needle method;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to change to the new method instead of the old one; and

(c) the States in which this new method is being used?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

(c) In Delhi so far.

#### **WORLD BANK PRESIDENT ON MANAGEMENT OF FERTILIZER PLANTS**

•207. SHRI M. N. KAUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 10th May, 1967 to the effect that the President of the World Bank, Mr. George Woods, stated in an interview that he was not impressed with the management of the fertilizer plant operating in the public sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the defects pointed out by him and whether Government propose to investigate this matter?