

JOBS FOR LEPROSY PATIENTS IN PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

*196. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation has communicated to Government its finding that at least 28 categories of jobs, with an employment potential of over 8000, can be made available in public sector undertakings for leprosy patients;

(b) if so, whether public undertakings have been asked to give their reactions to these findings; and

(c) what are the reactions of public sector undertakings generally to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) The Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation has taken up a project to study and find out suitable jobs for non-infectious and arrested cases of leprosy in the existing industrial undertakings. They have not, however, communicated to Government their findings in the matter so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR INDUSTRIES IN MAHARASHTRA

*197. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has asked the Central Government for allocation of foreign exchange for setting up sugar factories and certain other industries in the public sector in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange asked by the Maharashtra Government and the amount sanctioned by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b)

The Government of India have received no request from the Government of Maharashtra for allocation of foreign exchange for setting up of sugar factories or other industries in the public sector in that State.

TIKERPADA DAM IN ORISSA

*198. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tikerpada Dam proposal sent by the Government of Orissa has been examined and approved by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal as approved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) Government of Orissa have now proposed Manibhadra barrage project for which a preliminary report was sent to the Central Water and Power Commission. The Central Water and Power Commission have called for a detailed project report and estimate after conducting necessary investigations and studies.

TAKING OVER OF IRWIN HOSPITAL BY THE CENTRE

{ SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA;
SHRI SURAJIT SINGH
ATWAL;
*199. { SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA;
SHRI P. ABRAHAM;
SHRI U. S. DUGAL;

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have finally decided to take over the Irwin Hospital from the Delhi Administration;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when it would be taken over by the Centre; and

(c) whether it would be converted into a full-fledged Central Government Health Scheme Hospital?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

पैसे का सिक्का

*200. श्री गुरुदेव गुप्त : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) एक पैसे का नया सिक्का कब चालू किया जाएगा ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार सौ रुपये का नया नोट चलाने का विचार रखती है ?

†[PAISA COIN]

*200. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the new one Paisa coin will be put into circulation; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue a new hundred-rupee note?]

योजना मंत्री (श्री बी० आर० भगत) :

(क) इस समय यह ठीक ठीक बताना सम्भव नहीं है कि नया सिक्का कब चालू किया जायगा, लेकिन आशा है कि इस वर्ष के अन्त तक इसे चालू किया जा सकेगा ।

(ख) जी, हाँ ।

†[THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) It is not possible at this stage to indicate precisely when the new coin will be put in circulation, but it is hoped to do so by the end of this year.

(b) Yes, Sir.]

NON-PROJECT LOAN FROM THE WORLD BANK

*201. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are holding negotiations with the World Bank for a non-project loan of one hundred million Dollars; and

†[] English translation.

(b) if so, the purpose for which loan will be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Negotiations with International Development Association, an affiliate of the World Bank, for a credit of \$100.00 million were completed and the credit agreement was signed on August 11, 1965.

(b) About \$94.00 million out of the loan amount will be used for financing imported components, materials, balancing equipment and the spare parts for firms producing trucks, buses and automotive components, machine tools, cutting tools, heavy construction equipment and electrical equipment including cables and wires. The balance will be used for importing spares for heavy construction equipment.

REVISION OF PAY-SCALES OF GESTETNER OPERATORS

*202. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 691 in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1964 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revise the existing scales of pay of Junior and Senior Gestetner Operators; and

(b) if so, when Government expect to take a decision?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DEPOSITS IN BANKS BY CASHEW IMPORTERS

*203. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were received by his Ministry from a