

EXPORT OF FROGS

99. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of INTERNATIONAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great demand for frogs in Britain and other countries in the continent of Europe; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to increase the export of frogs to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) No live frogs are being exported to Europe. There is a demand for frog legs in France.

(b) A market survey on frog legs was carried out in France and copies of the survey report were distributed to exporters through Export Promotion Council for Marine Products.

REGIONAL OFFICES OF GOLD CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR

100. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open some regional offices of the Gold Control Administrator; and

(b) if so, at what places they will be located?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) and (b) The office of the former Gold Board in Bombay with a considerably reduced strength is being retained as a Regional Office of the Gold Control Administrator. The question whether there should be Regional Offices at other places is under consideration.

VIRUS INFECTION DISEASE IN DELHI

101. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a disease due to a Virus infection spread

in Delhi during September-October, 1963;

(b) whether any research was carried out to find out the causes of this disease; and

(c) whether any remedy has been found to counteract this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) to (c) A statement containing the required information is attached.

STATEMENT

There was an increase in cases of fever in Delhi in the month of October, 1963. According to some doctors and dispensaries in the city, every year there is an increase in such cases at this time of the year.

A team from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has collected material to investigate the cause of the disease. From the material examined so far, two strains of Influenza C have been isolated. This virus does not give rise to large scale epidemics.

Clinically, the cases could be grouped into 2 types (i) Fever, aches and pains particularly back-ache, lasting for 3-4 days, and (ii) cases with congested throat and fever but of a short duration. The treatment of such infection is mainly symptomatic.

The investigations are still in progress at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and it cannot be said definitely at this stage whether most of the cases were due to this virus or not. It may be that cases were due to multiple etiologies and more than one agents were involved.

REPORT OF THE BOOTHALINGAM MISSION AND THE SETTING UP OF A SECOND FACTORY FOR PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES

102. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state: