

## STATEMENT

*Training of Medical men and Pharmacists*

There should be at least one pharmacist for every three Doctors. According to the present estimate there are 70,000 practising Doctors and at the end of the Third Plan there will be about 81,000 Doctors; as against this there are about 50,000 registered pharmacists at present. As a good number of these registered pharmacists have not had training in any institution they are to be replaced gradually by qualified pharmacists. In view of the available number of pharmacists, the training of pharmacists has not been chalked out in the same proportion as that of Doctors.

## NYLON YARN FOR FISHING INDUSTRY

\*82. SHRI JOSEPH MATHEN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are able to meet the demands for nylon yarn for the fishing industry in the country;

(b) if not, what is the proportion of the supply and the requirement of nylon yarn;

(c) what is our annual production capacity and how much of nylon yarn is imported; and

(d) whether there is any programme to establish more nylon factories either in the public or private sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) to (c) The requirement of nylon twine for fishing purposes during the Third Plan period is estimated to be about five lakh lbs. per annum (costing about Rs. 50 lakhs). The Government of India has been providing facilities for the import of synthetic twine for the fishing industry to the extent of about Rs. 30 lakhs per annum during the last two years.

A number of firms have been licensed to produce nylon yarn and the total licensed capacity per year is 11.5 million lbs. per annum and one firm has gone into production recently.

(d) At present there is no scheme for establishing more nylon factories either in the public or the private sector.

## SEA EROSION TO THE COASTAL AREAS OF KERALA

\*83. SHRI JOSEPH MATHEN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the great havoc done to the coastal areas of Kerala especially Thottoappally, Pallithode and Kozhikode by sea erosion during this monsoon; and

(b) whether, due to heavy loss caused annually by sea erosion in the coastal areas of Kerala, Government propose to take up the responsibility of constructing the groynes and sea walls wherever necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala, are responsible for the formulation and execution of anti-sea erosion measures. They are well aware of the situation and are doing their best with the resources available to check sea erosion by constructing sea walls and groynes in the affected coastal areas.

## †स्वेज में 'इंडियन शिपर' को लगी ग्राग

४१. श्री महाबोर दास : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन स्टीमशिप कम्पनी के 'इंडियन शिपर' को ६ मई, १९६२ को स्वेज में ग्राग लग गई थी; और

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