

(b) Every attempt is made to obtain the best terms for India. This is based, among other things, on information relating to the terms of PL-480 Agreements between U.S.A. and other countries. A formal study relating to the terms of such agreements has, however, not been prepared.

(c) It is understood that the Cooley Loan provision does not form part of the PL-480 Agreements with Yugoslavia. It may be pointed out that the Cooley Loan provision is generally meant for American firms or their affiliates in the recipient countries who may need local currency financing.

(d) No, Sir.

Legalisation of Abortion

*490. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the question of legalising abortion has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Not yet; the time for the submission of the report has been extended upto the 30th December, 1966.

(b) Does not arise.

Uniform Sales Tax Pattern

*491. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt uniform India-wide sales-tax pattern; and

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Since levy of tax on sales or purchases made inside a State is a State subject of taxation, the question of adopting uniform India-wide sales-tax pattern by the Central Government does not arise.

U.S. Aid

*492. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. has taken steps to make available its contributions of non-project assistance to India for the current financial year; and

(b) the amount forthcoming in addition to \$200 million already released?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) and (b). The USA has so far made available two loans totalling \$250 million as its contributions of non-project assistance to India for the current financial year. Further non-project assistance for this year is under negotiation.

कम खर्च पर इलाज तथा डाक्टरों की शिक्षा

*493. **श्री विश्राम प्रसाद:** क्या स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में चिकित्सा संबंधी शिक्षा तथा इलाज संसार के किसी भी अन्य देश की तुलना में महंगा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ;
 और