

**Shrimati Lakshmi Menon:** There is provision for financial assistance if they need it.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

**Employees' Provident Fund Scheme**

\*240. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have of late decided to decentralise the administrative pattern of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the revised pattern; and

(c) the reasons which prompted the Government to amend the previous set-up?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri**

\*242. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of output of the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pimpri; and

(b) whether there is any expansion programme of the plant to meet the increase demand in the country?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Nityanand Kanungo): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The Hindustan Antibiotics Limited have fixed tentatively the

following targets of production of antibiotics during the year 1962-63:—

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| (i) Bulk penicillin                        | Per annum<br>50 million mega units |
| (ii) Tetracyclines                         | 1000 kilogram                      |
| (iii) Streptomycin and dihydrostreptomycin | 2000 kilogram                      |

(b) According to present indication the expansion programme of the Company is as follows:—

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| (i) Tetracyclines                           | Per annum<br>1500 kilogram |
| (ii) Streptomycin and dihydrostreptomycin   | 60,000 to 90,000 kilogram  |
| (iii) Hamycin (A new antifungal antibiotic) | 15 kilogram                |
| (iv) Vitamin 'C'                            | 48 tons                    |

**Indian Journalists Expelled from Nepal**

\*254. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:  
Shri Raghunath Singh:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian newsmen expelled this year from Nepal;

(b) whether there was any consultation on official level before the expulsion was effected; and

(c) whether any protest was lodged with the Nepalese authorities in this connection?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Two.

(b) No.

(c) It was not considered necessary to lodge a formal protest.

**Fund for the Unemployed**

\*255. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state: