

Inter-Ministry Projects

*379. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has evolved a procedure to keep a close watch on the progress of major inter-ministry projects during the Third Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the procedure?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). In cooperation with the Ministries concerned, the Planning Commission is giving special attention to the development of inter-related programmes in different sectors which specially impinge upon one another. In particular, care is being taken to ensure coordinated advance planning on the part of the Ministries in connection with the formulation of the Annual Plan for 1962-63.

Laos

*380. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Kalika Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government have put new proposal regarding early settlement in Laos; and

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

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) The Governments of India and the U.S., amongst other interested Governments, have been continuously in touch with each other over the Laotian problem.

(b) Such contacts are in the nature of an exchange of views.

Requirement of Drugs

*381. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made of the requirements of various drugs in the country and of the equipment necessary to produce them; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). A statement No. I showing the targets fixed for the Third Five Year plan period and another No. II showing the value of different types of equipment required both for setting up new production as well as for maintenance purposes as worked out by the Development Council for Drugs and Pharmaceutical are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexures Nos. 87 and 88 respectively].

Precision Instrument Factory in Kerala

*382. { **Shri Kodiyan:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Morarka:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any site has been selected for locating the proposed precision instrument factory in Kerala;

(b) if so, the name of the place selected for the purpose;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the factory;

(d) its production capacity;

(e) the total number of skilled, semi-skilled and other labour required for running the factory; and

(f) when the factory is likely to be set up?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (f). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.