

are functioning in the country at present; and

(b) the form of aid offered to the voluntary organisations which take steps in that direction?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) 427.

(b) The following assistance is given to voluntary organisations:

- I. Grant for the purchase of equipment like X-ray units, microscopes and other hospital equipment required for treatment of T. B. patients.
- II. Grant for improving buildings by additions and alterations.
- III. Free supply of Anti-TB drugs to all TB clinics undertaking domiciliary treatment of Tuberculosis.

#### Power Generation

666. Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri G. C. Naik:  
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:  
Shri A. Dipa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Soviet Union have been drilling holes ten miles deep in the crust of the earth to extract heat for purposes of power generation; and

(b) whether similar experiment is proposed to be carried in this country to mitigate the power shortage in this country.

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) According to a report submitted to the International Oceanographic Congress, Moscow, 1966, drilling down to 10 kilometres was in progress in U.S.S.R.

(b) No. However, a Committee was recently set up to study the prospects of geothermal power generation in India.

#### Price of Gold

667. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of primary gold have fallen considerably since the formation of new Ministry at the Centre;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether it will have any repercussions on the economic conditions of the country?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Mararji Desai): (a) A fall in the unofficial quotations for primary gold was reported in March, 1967.

(b) Fluctuations in gold prices reflect mainly supply and demand and expectations regarding them.

(c) No, Sir.

#### Indravati Project in Orissa

668. Shri P. K. Deo:  
Shri G. C. Naik:  
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:  
Shri A. Dipa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indravati project in Kalahandi District in Orissa has been recommended by the Orissa Government to be included in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). The Government of Orissa had proposed for investigations of the Indravati Project in their Draft Fourth Five Year Plan proposals submitted to the Planning Commission. The State authorities have been requested to furnish the scheme-wise details in respect of the various schemes proposed under the Fourth Plan, which are awaited.