

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). At the Central Drug Research Institute in Lucknow, there has been an ongoing programme to screen Indian plants for a broad array of biological activities, including antitumour and antiviral effects. A few active plants have been uncovered in this programme, but useful agents have not been identified. The basis for plant collection was primarily random.

Amount sanctioned for Pepsi Foods Project

2533. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the Pepsi Food Project by the Project Approval Board of Punjab;

(b) the amount of pre-operative expenses incurred; and

(c) the items and value on which pre-operative expenses have been incurred?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Multi-purpose Dam over river Kosi

2535. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to the proposed multi-purpose high-dam over river Kosi at Barahkeshtia, the project which was

sent to His Majesty's Government of Nepal in 1981; and

(b) the specific steps taken for its early execution alongwith those at Pancheshwar and Karnali and at Shishapani over river Kamla and at Nunsher over river Bagmati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Nepal's response on the Project Report has not been received.

(b) The matter has been taken up at Indo-Nepal talks on Water Resources.

Check on Induction of Indian Nurses in U.S.A. and European Countries

2536. **PROF. SUDARSHAN RAYCHOUDHURI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are keeping a check on the induction of Indian nurses in U.S.A. and European countries, with regard to their duties; and

(b) if so, how such checks are being conducted?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) No, Sir. It is not possible as there is no requirement of emigration check for nurses.

(b) Does not arise.

Comprehensive policy for welfare of SC/ST

2537. **SHRI HET RAM:** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new comprehensive policy for fulfilling the national commitment