

Modernising of Pharmaceutical Factory of Government Medical Store-Depot, Madras

3652. SHRI THAZHAI M. KARUNANIDHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee was set up to study about the modernisation of pharmaceutical Factory attached to Government Medical Store Depot., Madras;

(b) if so, when it was appointed and when the report was submitted;

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government on the Committee;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government do not intend to implement the report during the current financial year, if so, why; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal to wind up the Government Medical Stores Organisation, and if so, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). Yes. A "Committee of Experts" was set up to study about the modernisation of Pharmaceutical Factory attached to Government Medical Store Depot., Madras in July, 1978. The said Committee submitted their report in November, 1978.

(c) No expenditure on the Committee has been incurred except the T.A. and D.A. of the Members.

(d) The report is still being examined.

(e) Yes. This is also being examined.

Conversion of Vasco-Miraj Line

3653. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have assured the Goa administration to meet the

demand of conversion of Vasco-Miraj metre-gauge line into broad-gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Updating of the Preliminary Engineering-cum-traffic survey for conversion of the Sections Hospet-Murmagao-Miraj-Londa and Anaver-Dandeli, has been included in the budget 1980-81. Further action will be taken when the survey is completed and report examined.

Drink Addicts among Medical Men

3654. SHRI B. K. NAIR: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen Press reports on the increasing number of drink addicts among medical men including students; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, it has not come to Government's notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Payment of Wages to Godown Mazdoors by F.C.I.

3655. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the Food Corporation of India authorities are not paying even the notified minimum wages to their godown mazdoors at Shillong;

(b) whether it is a fact that the minimum wages notified for unskilled labour by the Meghalaya Government is Rs. 8 per day, while the Food Corporation of India is paying less than Rs. 6; and