

(c) Does not arise.

However, C. G. H. S. dispensaries are regularly inspected by the Director and other officers of the Scheme to ensure proper functioning thereof.

#### Minimum Procurement Price of Wheat

2920. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharatiya Kisan Sabha has requested Government to urge the Agriculture Price Commission to fix the minimum procurement price of wheat; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Government have seen a Press Report that Bharatiya Kisan Sangh has requested the Government to ask the Agricultural Prices Commission to fix the minimum procurement price of wheat at Rs. 103/- per quintal. The procurement price for 1972-73 marketing season is still under consideration of the Government.

#### Tamil Nadu Government request for Assistance for Youth Corps Scheme

2921. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has requested the Centre for Assistance for the Youth Corps Scheme now functioning in the State;

(b) if so, the main features of the request made; and

(c) the Central Government's reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) to (c). No such request has been received. However, a request for assistance for establishment of Youth Centres has been received and is under examination with reference to the Central scheme of establishment of Nehru Youth Centres during the Silver Jubilee Year of the Indian Independence.

#### Diploma Holders Join Service as Junior Engineers in C. P. W. D.

2922 SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 649 on the 20th March, 1972 and state :

(a) whether the part-time Degree Course is of 5 years duration in the recognised colleges;

(b) whether the Diploma Holders who join service in Central Public Works Department as junior engineers with the basic start of Rs. 180/- automatically rise to Rs. 230/- when they complete 5 years thus benefitting only Rs. 10/- per month as increment; and

(c) what other benefits are given to Diploma Holders to pursue higher studies

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The part time Degree courses open to Diploma holders in Engineering introduced by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare under a Central scheme in selected engineering colleges in the country, are of four years' duration.

(b) Yes Sir. A Diploma Holder Junior Engineer who starts at the basic pay of Rs. 180/- normally reaches the stage of Rs. 230/- in 5 years. If, however, he acquires a Degree or AMIE qualification while in service, his pay is fixed at Rs. 240/ with