

the private trade from creating artificial pockets of scarcity and exploiting the same by cornering stocks. It is evident that food zones cannot be constituted on considerations of language, etc.

# **Production of Polio vaccine in India**

2849. SHRI RAM PRAKASH:  
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

' Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual rate of production of polio vaccine in India; and

(b) the time by which India will be self-sufficient in its production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) Approximately 1 lakh doses of Trivalent Polio Vaccine are being manufactured in the Indian Council of Medical Research Unit located at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, Nilgiris.

(b) At the current rate of consumption it is expected that the demand for Polio Vaccine could be met from local production in near future.

# **Progress achieved in road construction and Road development under 20-year road development plan**

2850. SHRI ISHAQUE SAMBHALI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in road construction and road development since the 20-Year Road Development Plan came into operation in 1961;

(b) the mileage of new roads to be constructed in the next nine years to complete the 20-Year Road Development Plan;

(c) whether the target set in the 20-Year Development Plan is likely to be achieved within the specified period; and

(d) if so, the measures taken to ensure the completion of the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (d). The 20-Year Plan (1961-81) is only a report of the Chief Engineers on suggested road development during the 20-year period 1961-81 and was intended to provide as a broad guide to Central and State Governments for formulating their Five Year Plans keeping in view the available resources and other factors. The aforesaid 20-Year Plan envisaged the addition of 4,44,800 kilometres of roads (National Highways, State Highways, Major District Roads and other District Roads and classified village roads) by 1981. Upto 31st March 1971, 3,80,800 kms of roads, including inter alia 1,72,600 kms of roads constructed under CD and NES programmes, had been added. The latter (CD & NES) category of roads—both old and newly added—are, however, mostly low grade roads and would need to be upgraded to meet the requirements of specifications envisaged in the aforesaid 20-Year Plan. It is premature to indicate the extent to which targets set out in the aforesaid 20-Year Plan are likely to be achieved by the specified period as it is dependent upon various factors, including future plan allocations.

# **Non-availability of medicine in C.G. H. S. dispensaries in Government colonies.**

2851. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines are most often not available in the C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in various Government colonies and the patients have to wait for the medicines for more than three to four days; and

(b) the steps which Government are taking to do away this evil and see that the patients get medicines promptly?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU):** (a) All medicines prescribed to patients by Dispensary Medical Officers and the C.G.H.S. Specialists are normally issued to them from the dispensaries, on the same day almost immediately. Sometimes, however, when a prescribed medicine is not available in the dispensary or is not the one included in the C.G.H.S. Formulary, arrangement is made to procure the same from the authorised chemists or even from the open market and make it available to the patient on the next working day.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the C.G.H.S. Medical Store Depot to ensure early and prompt supply of medicines to the C.G.H.S. dispensaries.

(i) The dispensaries are permitted to collect medicines by "BY HAND INDENTS" from the C.G.H.S. Medical Store Depot, if suddenly some of the items go short. They can obtain medicines in this way twice a week but, if there is still any emergency, they can collect medicines on other working days also. This is in addition to the Regular and Supplementary indent supplied to the various dispensaries.

(ii) If any medicine is not available in the Medical Store Depot information about it is given to the dispensaries daily by "DAILY STORE INFORMATION BULLETIN". Then they send an indent on the authorised local chemist of their respective area and medicines are supplied to them within 24 hours.

#### **Work for flood lights at Konarak Temple**

**2852. SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND

SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.P.W.D. has already awarded the work to contractor for providing Konarak Temple (Orissa) with flood lights; and

(b) if so, when the project is to be completed?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is likely to be completed before the end of the current financial year.

#### **Absorption of N.D.S. Instructors in Bihar**

**2855. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU:**  
**SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Departmental Council of the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare had assured to impress upon the State of Bihar for the absorption of the N.D.S. Instructors belonging to the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the Chairman had also assured to send one of the Officers of the Ministry personally to the State Capital to settle the issue; and

(c) if so, action taken thereon and the results thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV):** (a) At the meeting of the Departmental Council of the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare held on the 26th September, 1972, the Official side had stated that whereas they had full sympathy for the need of the "NPC" Instructors