

(b) how long Government will allow the Government of Assam to admit students for Silchar Medical college in Gauhati Medical College?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY):

(a) The construction of the buildings for the Medical College at Silchar has not yet been completed. Completion of the College building is likely to take at least two years more. The State Government, however, propose to start pre-medical classes in a private college at Silchar during 1968. In 1969, they hope to start pre-clinical classes in one building which is likely to be ready by then.

(b) This is entirely within the discretion of the State Government.

विदेशों में स्वर्ण संकट का भारतीय मुद्रा पर प्रभाव

6733. श्री नाथूराम अहिरवार :  
 श्री रवि राय :  
 श्री श्रीनिवास मिश्र :  
 श्री श्रद्धाकर सूफकार :  
 श्री वेणी शंकर शर्मा :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी यूरोप के देशों में हाल ही के स्वर्ण संकट का भारत की मुद्रा पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा ; और

(ख) यदि हां तो किस सीमा तक ?

उप प्रधान मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री (श्री मीरारजी देसाई) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होती ।

Drinking Water Supply Scheme  
 in Andhra Pradesh

6734. SHRI P. ANTONY REDDY:  
 SHRIMATI MINIMATA  
 AGAM DAS GURU:  
 SHRI HARDAYAL  
 DEVGUN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted to the Central Government two schemes for the supply of drinking water to certain village in Rayadurg and Vrava Kanda taluks of Anantapur District and for certain villages of Alur Taluk of Kurnool District for sanction of funds during 1965-66 and 1966-67; and

(b) whether Government have sanctioned the schemes and allotted funds for their execution?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY):

(a) and (b) Two Water Supply Schemes for (i) Urava Kanda and 16 other villages of Anantapur District and (ii) Alur and 38 villages of Kurnool District had been approved by the Central Government in August 1967 at a cost of Rs. 29.50 lakhs and Rs. 67 lakhs respectively. Central assistance to the extent of 50 per cent will be provided by the Central Government to the State Government as grant-in aid for the execution of these Schemes.

Single Wire Earth Return  
 System

6735. SHRI PANTONY REDDY:  
 Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted 'Single Wire Earth Return System' for enhancing rural electrification schemes;

(b) the number of rural electrifications done so far on this system; and

(e) the percentage of savings in laying electric lines by adopting this system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PASAD): (a) to (c) At the Ninth Irrigation and Power Seminar held at Trivandrum in October, 1964, which was attended by State Ministers dealing with power and Chairmen State Electricity Boards and representatives of State Governments, it was decided that the 'single wire earth return' system may be tried as an experiment in areas where the distances are comparatively great and the loads are small. This was recommended, with other measures, for bringing down the cost of rural electrification. The 'single wire earth return' system has been taken up on an experimental basis in Bihar (about 5 kms), Madras (about 6.5 kms.), Maharashtra (about 17 kms.), Orissa (about 29 kms) and Punjab (about 3 kms). The Power Research Institute of the Central Water & Power Commission at Bangalore is also conducting experiments on this system. The results of these experiments are being watched in order to assess the economic and technical feasibility of this system.

**Supply of Furnace Oil in Calcutta**

6736. SHRI J. MOHAMMED  
IMAM:  
SHRI D. N. PATODIA:  
SHRI GADILINGANA  
GOWD:  
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:  
SHRI N. K. SOMANI:  
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that furnace oil is in short supply in Calcutta and other industrial towns of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether most of the factories have either been closed down or are running much below their capacity; and

(c) the action, if any, taken to augment the supply of furnace oil for the affected places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Staff of Willingdon Hospital  
New Delhi**

6737. SHRI SHIV CHARAN LAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Nurses, Doctors, Class I and II Officers as well as Class III and Class IV staff category-wise in Willingdon Hospital New Delhi;

(b) the total duty hours which are being taken from Class III and Class IV staff, separately for each and also category-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that more than 8 hours duty from Class IV staff is being taken in the Willingdon hospital in some Departments; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and under what rules and orders more than 8 hours duty is being taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. B. MURTHY): (a) to (c) Annexure I and II giving the information are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-811/68].

(d) The duty hours of class IV staff have been devised consistently with the nature of the work in the hospital. The duty hours of staff put on the night shifts exceed 8 hours when the pressure of work is comparatively much less. In general, where the nominal duty hours exceed eight hours the work is intermittent and inter-spaced with hours of rest.