

and Telegraphs Department scales; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has been decided not to extend the higher scale of pay to Despatch Riders working in the Secretariat Offices.

#### Heavy Industries in Punjab

**1276. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment of large industries in the private sector during the three plan periods (State-wise);

(b) the reasons for the poor allocation made during the same period for the Punjab State; and

(c) whether it is being given more allotment during the Fourth Five Year Plan period?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) No State-wise allotment of large industries in the private sector is made in the Plan.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

#### Cancer Treatment

**1277. Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of cobra venom has been found useful in the cancer treatment; and

(b) if so, the details of studies carried out so far?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayyar):** (a) and (b). Cobra venom in

various forms and in different dilutions, has been used in the relief of pain in cancer and in the treatment of cancer. Studies have been carried out in India, America and Europe on the efficacy of cobra venom on several diseased states including cancer. Divergent opinions have been expressed by different schools of thought. The present considered viewpoint appears to indicate that cobra venom may be of some help in the relief of intractable pain caused in advanced stages of inoperable cancer, but has no real value in the curative treatment of cancer.

In the Indian Cancer Research Centre, Bombay, research is being undertaken on animals. This is still in an experimental stage.

#### दिल्ली में सड़कों को चौड़ा करना

**1278. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकार ने हाल में ही दिल्ली की सड़कों को चौड़ा करने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कितनी सड़कों को चौड़ा करने का विचार है ; और

(ग) इस पर कितना धन व्यय होगा ?

**स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (डा० सुशीला नायर) :**

(क) दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकार ने दिल्ली की कुछ सड़कों को चौड़ा करने के नवशों को स्वीकृत कर लिया है। सड़कों को चौड़ा करने का वास्तविक कार्य दिल्ली नगर निगम और नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका द्वारा किया जाता है।

(ख) और (ग). दिल्ली नगर निगम तथा नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका द्वारा चौड़ी की गई तथा चौड़ी की जाने वाली सड़कों की