

ments are expected to be made functional ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Spare parts for Echo-Cardiography have been imported. Echo-Cardiograph is expected to start by the end of this month.

A letter of credit has been established for the import of spare parts for Tread Mill. On receipt of its spare parts, the Tread Mill will be put into operation.

**Implementation of Reports of Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspaper Employees**

157. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND WELFARE be pleased to state .

(a) whether the recommendations of the Bachawat Wage Boards for Working Journalists and Non-Journalists Newspapers Employees have not been implemented by some of the newspapers establishments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to see that these are implemented without delay?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c). The State Governments are the appropriate authority for enforcement of the recommendations of the Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-Journalist Newspapers Employees. The Central Government has recently asked all the State Government to set up an appropriate machinery for overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Boards for Working Journalist and Non-Journalists Newspaper

Employees.

[Translation]

**Products Diversification by M/s Pepsi**

158. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether PepsiCo INC. has proposed to diversify its products in collaboration with some other Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal to allow the company to diversify its products?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). PepsiCo Inc. have a 39.9% equity share holding in M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. which is implementing a letter of Intent granted for the manufacture of potato/grain products, fruit/vegetable products and soft during concentrates. There is no other proposal received by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries from M/s. PepsiCo Inc.

[English]

**Job Security for Health Guides**

159. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of Health Guides do not have job-security for years;

(b) whether it is proposed to regularise their service under the Government ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed information regarding the number of Health Guides not getting job security and honorarium under the Scheme all over India is being collected. About the regularisation of their services by the Government, action would be taken afterwards on examination of the dimension of the problem.

(c) Does not arise.

**Assistance for Development of Howrah City**

160. **SHRI HANNAM MOLLAH:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from West Bengal Government for the development of Howrah city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will provide

necessary funds for the development of Howrah city?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) :** (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Ministry of Urban Development has received proposals from the Government of West Bengal for the development of bustees within the municipal limits of the Howrah Municipal Corporation details are given in the Statement I below. The proposals include improvement of the water supply, sanitation facilities developing roads, pathways, parks and gardens of the Corporation. The same have been formulated in the context of the recommendations made by the Ninth Finance Commission for giving a special grant-in-aid of Rs.50 crores to the Government of West Bengal for slum clearance and environmental improvement. The 9th Finance Commission had also recommended that there should be a matching contribution by the Govt.of West Bengal. The total cost of the project has been estimated at Rs.4.16 crores.

The Howrah Municipal Corporation is already receiving assistance from the World Bank through the Calcutta Urban Development Project III (CUDP-III). The Project components which will benefit Howrah are given in Statement II below.