

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayyar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of deaths on this account for the period May to end of July, 1966, for the region as a whole was approximately 2,150 out of which 806 deaths occurred in Assam. Of the total number of 2,150 deaths the figure for Orissa of 9 deaths is till July 24 and for Tripura of 4 deaths is till July 3.

(c) No Central assistance has been sought for by any of the States in the Eastern Zone except Assam. Immediately on hearing about the outbreak of Gastro-enteritis in Kamrup District of Assam, an Epidemiological Team from the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta was deputed to Assam for making the necessary investigations. In addition to this, two medical officers from the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Calcutta, have also been deputed to demonstrate to the Medical Officers, particularly in the two heavily infected districts of Kamrup and Darrang, the modern methods of treatment of cholera. Another team consisting of one Medical Officer with ancillary staff from the Cholera Research Centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research, Calcutta also proceeded to Assam to investigate the exact cause of this outbreak. The Director, Central Bureau of Health Intelligence also went to Assam on 22nd June, to help the team and also to investigate into the cause of the outbreak of this disease. 15 lakhs doses of cholera vaccine have been supplied to the Government of Assam during the months of June and July, 1965.

Profit from Public Undertakings

- *100. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hananda:
Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

overall percentage of profit from all Public Undertakings in the country is only 2 per cent of the total investment of about 1,780 crores till to date;

(b) whether any survey has been made to find out the reasons for the low profit; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. B. Bhagat): (a) An overall percentage of this type is somewhat misleading as about forty per cent of the investment is on projects under construction, expansion schemes yet to be completed and promotional and developmental undertakings which are not profit making. If these are excluded, the gross profit in 1963-64 works out to 4.2 per cent of the investment.

(b) and (c). The position was surveyed in the Annual Report on the Working of Industrial and Commercial Undertakings of the Central Government for the year 1963-64 presented to the Lok Sabha on 9th March, 1965.

I.M.F. Delegation's Visit to India

- { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
*101. { **Shri D. D. Furl:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Heda:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-member delegation of the International Monetary Fund visited India during the second week of May, 1965 to hold discussions on India's foreign exchange and balance of payments problem; and

(b) if so, their findings and the outcome of their visit?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Three officials of the International Monetary Fund visited India in May, 1956 to have consultations with the Government of India under Article XIV, Section 4 of the I.M.F. Articles of Agreement. These consultations are specifically directed towards an appraisal of the need, or otherwise, for the maintenance of restrictions on payments and transfers for current international transactions.

(b) Under Article XIV, Section 4 of the I.M.F. Articles of Agreement already referred to, it is open to the Fund to point out that "conditions are favourable for the withdrawal of any particular restriction or for the general abandonment of restrictions....". The International Monetary Fund has not made any such report.

Water Pollution Control Board

*102 **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1214 on the 6th May, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the question of setting up of Water Pollution Control Boards at the Centre and in the States has been considered as recommended by a Committee of experts appointed by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has since been decided that Central legislation on the subject

should be undertaken by a single law embodying as far as possible the provisions suggested by the Committee in the draft Central Water Pollution Control Act and the draft State Water Pollution Control Act, which envisage the establishment of a Central Water Pollution Control Board as well as State Water Pollution Control Boards.

Family Planning

*103. **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hanada:
Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Karni Singhji:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report that in British Family Planning Clinics a simple method of contraception, a 'loop' costing 2d. only is used and that is producing exceptionally fine results; and

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the possibility of introducing it in their Family Planning Clinics?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). It is not clear which particular report the Members are referring to. Presumably, they are referring to the use of I.U.C.D. by the International Planned Parenthood Federation in their clinics. If so, the use of this device has already been included in our Family Planning Programme and special emphasis is being given to its propagation. A special Family Planning Information Week to propagate the use of this device was held from the 15th to the 21st July, 1965, which was very successful.