

Shri A. P. Jain: No. As I said, these are advance estimates of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, which are based on crop-cutting experiments. They are not final estimates; they are the advance estimates.

Medical Aid for Railway Employees

*61. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements exist in all the important Railway stations to treat the railway personnel suffering from T.B.; and

(b) the average amount spent every year to accord medical facility to Railway personnel suffering from T.B.?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 15,59,460.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What arrangements are made for them where there are no railway hospitals?

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: In the first place, we have decided to open test clinics so that every single railway employee, wherever he is stationed, is covered by the test clinics. Whenever we find that an employee is in an advance stage of T.B., efforts are made to get him admitted in one of the existing sanatoria.

Shrimati Masida Ahmed: May I know whether there are provisions for special leave with pay, in addition to ordinary leave, for the railway personnel suffering from T.B. and, if so, what is the duration of such leave that an employee is entitled?

Mr. Speaker: How does it arise out of this question? This relates to medical relief and not to leave.

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: I could not give the exact period. But certain period is allowed with full pay and certain period with half pay. For the rest of the period, the railway bears the expenses of the treatment.

Shri Banga: May I know how many patients were treated during the last year? Is it a fact that a large section of them come from engine-drivers and stokers?

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: I shall require separate notice for this question.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: In view of the fact that T.B. is an infectious disease, what arrangements are the Railway Ministry making to treat the family members of their employees? Are there any arrangements to treat the family members of such employees?

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: The family members of a railway employee are also entitled to free medical treatment for T.B. and other diseases.

Dr. Sushila Nayar: In view of the fact that most of the sanatoria are overcrowded, has the Railway Ministry got any definite number of beds reserved for them?

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: Yes, Sir.

Central Council of Health

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Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Radha Raman:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing:

(a) the recommendations made by the Central Council of Health at its meetings held in Bangalore from January 5 to 7, 1958; and

(b) the steps taken to implement them?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karwar): (a) A copy of the resolutions passed by the Central Council of Health at their sixth meeting held at Bangalore is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 24].