

(b) An Urgency Certificate amounting to Rs. 3.5 crores approximately has already been sanctioned for strengthening the major bridges and stabilising their approaches. Out of the total 39 of such works tentatively fixed for the purpose and proposed to be carried out within two to three years, 17 were taken up in 1957-58 and are almost complete excepting erection of girders in some cases and ancillary works in others. The remaining 22 works will be taken up in 1958-59 and later.

Venereal Diseases

*680. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the State in which the incidence of venereal diseases is the highest in the country;

(b) what special measures have been formulated for preventive aspect of the diseases;

(c) whether clinics for venereal diseases have been opened in all the States; and

(d) if so, whether both aspects, curative and preventive are covered in the clinics?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No accurate data are available on the incidence of venereal diseases in the different States. However, from limited surveys conducted in recent years, it appears that the incidence of Syphilis is high in the sub-Himalayan tracts extending from Kashmir in the west to Assam in the east.

(b) A national Venereal Diseases Control Scheme has been included in the Second Five Year Plan. The scheme envisages both curative and preventive measures. It also includes educational programme.

(c) Under the V.D. Control scheme clinics have been opened in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madras and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) Yes.

Railway Employees Opting for Pension

*681. { **Shri Vajpayee:**
Shri Bagnath Singh:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway employees (Category-wise) who have so far opted for pension;

(b) whether any modification has been made in the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a)

Class I.	..	170
Class II.	..	115
Class III.	..	6461
Class IV.	..	7514
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	TOTAL	14260
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(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Passenger Amenities in Electric Trains

*682. **Shri Subiman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in electric train running between Howrah and Bandel there is no lavatory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the said trains the alarm chain is provided only on one side of the coaches; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not having it on both sides?

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