

**Leprosy Advisory Committee**

\*53. **Shri S. A. Mehdi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the Leprosy Advisory Committee was held on the 25th January, 1960 at New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control this disease?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

**STATEMENT**

*Measures proposed to be adopted during the 3rd Five Year Plan period for the control of leprosy*

It is proposed to cover all the endemic areas in the country during the Third Five Year Plan period. Besides intensifying training programme for para-medical workers and giving re-orientation training to doctors, a need has also been felt for altering the present pattern of the subsidiary centres as well as for providing an All India Centre for post-graduate training in Physiotherapy and Orthopaedic Surgery and for establishing rehabilitation training centres. It is proposed to undertake the following measures for this purpose:—

(1) upgrading of the subsidiary centres (about 100) to be established by the end of the Second Five Year Plan period;

(2) establishment of 150 new Control Units;

(3) establishment of two rehabilitation centres;

(4) stepping up of the training programme; and

(5) establishment of an All India Training Centre in Physiotherapy.

**पटना में गंगा पर सड़क का पुल**

\*५४. **श्री विभूति मिश्र:** क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने पटना में गंगा पर सड़क के एक पुल के निर्माण के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक ज्ञापन दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

**परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर):** (क) नहीं, महोदय। पटना में गंगा नदी पर सड़क का पुल किसी भी राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर नहीं पड़ता, इसलिए इस पुल के बनाने की जिम्मेवारी मुख्यतः बिहार सरकार की ही है।

(ख) सवाल ही नहीं पैदा होता।

**Direct Train Service with Pakistan**

\*55. { **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**  
**Shri Halder:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan is endeavouring to make arrangements for a direct train service between Jessore and Lahore to afford more travel facilities between India and Pakistan and in exchange India can have a similar direct service between Calcutta and Jalpaiguri?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** No such proposal has been received from the Government of Pakistan so far.

**Rise in Price of Foodgrains in Delhi**

\*56. **Shri Ram Garib:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of foodgrains are rising very high in the Capital especially in