

Planning Organisation in the event of recruitment of the staff in that Organisation?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such committee was appointed. The quantum of work was, however, assessed by the Chairman in consultation with Senior Technical Officers and a phased programme of retrenchment was accordingly drawn up.

(d) Necessary priority will be accorded in accordance with the existing instructions on this subject.

Suicide committed by a Veterinary Doctor in Madhya Pradesh

*1215. { Shri Braj Raj Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri Assar:
Shri B. K. Gaikwad:
Shri Sugandhi:
Shri Drohar:
Shri Mohammed Imam:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item published in Hindi Hindustan dated the 21st August, 1960, to the effect that Dr. Parthasarthy, a young Veterinary doctor of 39 years of age committed suicide on the 11th August, 1960 in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the circumstances which compelled him to commit suicide;

(c) whether an enquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(d) if not, whether an enquiry shall be conducted and report laid on the Table?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). Dr. Parthasarathy had been under employment of the Gov-

ernment of Madhya Pradesh since middle of 1953. The circumstances leading to his suicide will, therefore, be known only to that Government. Any enquiry into the incident will also have to be ordered by that Government.

Rail Link between Howrah and Cuttack

*1216. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have approached the Government of India for opening an alternative railway line from Howrah to Cuttack via Talcher on the South Eastern Railway to reduce the possibility of complete disruption of communication due to recurring floods; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The State Government have recommended a line from Rourkela to Talcher for the transport of iron ore and finished products from Rourkela for export via Paradip port.

(b) The proposal is not included in the list of new lines approved by the Planning Commission in the draft outline of the Third Five Year Plan and there are no prospects of the line being taken up in the near future.

Train Services between Howrah and Puri

*1216-A. **Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct train services between Howrah and Puri were restored by the 26th August, 1960 as indicated in his statement made on the 17th August, 1960;

(b) if not, when were they fully restored;