

to seamen serving on foreign going ships;

(b) whether Seamen's Welfare Board has protested to the Director General of Shipping; and

(c) if so, with what result?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.

#### Locust invasion in Calcutta

\*599. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:  
Shri Muhammed Elias:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that locusts invaded some parts of Calcutta towards the end of the month of January, 1961;

(b) if so, the estimated loss to crops thereby;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no warning was given to farmers of the locust invasion as there is no arrangement to detect locust swarms in that area; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in future in this direction?

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

(b) Information not available yet.

(c) This is the first time that locust swarms came over to West Bengal from East Pakistan during winter season. Due to unpredictable movement of the locust swarms and short duration of their flight, it was not possible to issue any prior warning.

(d) A statement showing the arrangement made in this direction is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

1. To exchange the locust information through the fortnightly locust

situation bulletins of India and Pakistan.

2. To exchange brief weekly locust situation report for immediate information and action on the part of the other country.

3. To exchange the locust information telegraphically in respect of the border areas of both the countries.

4. To hold a meeting of the representatives of India and Pakistan periodically to review the locust situation in the neighbouring countries and to make an assessment of the incursions into India and Pakistan so as to make preparations accordingly.

#### Rural Life Insurance

\*600. { Shri Harish Chandra  
Mathur:  
Shri Osman Ali Khan:  
Shri Kodiyan:  
Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for Rural Life Insurance through the agency of Panchayats; and

(b) what is the reaction of State Governments to the scheme?

**The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) and (b). The transfer of the question has been accepted by the Ministry of Finance, who are dealing with the subject and it would be answered by the Minister of Finance on a subsequent date.

#### Manufacture of Diesel Locomotives

\*601. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:  
Shri A. M. Tariq:  
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri P. C. Boroach:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to

Starred Question No. 368 on the 23rd November, 1960 and state the nature of progress made so far in setting up a plant to manufacture Diesel Locomotives in India in the Public Sector?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** Following the decision of the Government to produce diesel locomotives in the Public Sector, a Committee of Experts was set up to prepare broad details of the project. The Committee has submitted its report, which is under consideration of the Ministry of Railways.

मानसिक स्वास्थ्य सलाहकार समिति

\*६०२. { श्री भक्त बर्षान :  
 { श्री कोडियान :  
 { श्री चारियर :

क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री २३ नवम्बर, १९६० के प्रतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ६२३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय स्वास्थ्य परिषद् के तत्वावधान में मानसिक स्वास्थ्य सलाहकार समिति स्थापित करने का जो निश्चय किया गया था, उसे कार्यान्वित करने की दिशा में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : यह विषय भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

T.B.

\*603. **Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of money allocated for purposes of prevention of Tuberculosis and other measures for combating the disease during the First and Second Five Year Plans;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the amount allocated during the Second Plan period not more than Rs. 6 crores could be spent uptill now;

(c) in what proportion this money was allocated to (i) the Central Government, (ii) the various State Governments and (iii) the different T.B. Associations in the various States; and

(d) the reasons for the shortfall in expenditure?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The total amount allocated for T.B. Schemes during the First and Second Five Year Plans is Rs. 462.99 lakhs and Rs. 1507.02 lakhs respectively.

(b) The information regarding the amount spent by the States on T.B. Schemes is not available. However, from a general evaluation of the physical achievement of targets during the Second Plan, it is estimated that there is a shortfall in the utilisation of the funds allocated for T.B. Schemes.

(c) The allocation for T.B. Schemes between the Centre and the States during the First and Second Five Year Plans works out to 17.9% & 82.1% and 21.3% and 78.7% respectively. No allocations are made to State T.B. Associations.

(d) The shortfall is mainly due to:

(i) slow implementation of the schemes by the State Governments;

(ii) difficulty in procuring X-Ray and other equipment; and

(iii) non-availability of trained personnel.