

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) The upgrading scheme mentioned is a scheme for the improvement or up-grading of selected branches in certain existing Medical Colleges for the purpose of providing facilities for post-graduate teaching and research. The expenditure on the upgrading of the selected institutions is to be shared by the Central and State Governments concerned. The following departments in Medical Institutions in Madras City have been selected for up-grading:

- (1) Anatomy Department, Stanley Medical College.
- (2) Venereal Diseases Department, Madras Medical College.
- (3) Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department, Women and Children's Hospital.

(b) The Scheme was suggested by the Central Government.

(c) Not so far, but the Government of India have accepted certain commitments to share the expenditure, both recurring and non-recurring.

(d) There are proposals for the up-grading of certain departments in other important Medical Institutions in the various States. A list of all the departments recommended for up-grading, arranged in order of priority, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 36.]

**Dr. Rama Rao:** Do the Government contemplate taking any steps regarding the Delhi University or any of the Medical colleges in Delhi?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** As far as Delhi University is concerned, we have already given money for the development of the T.B. Institute here. There is no Delhi college at the moment in existence. That will come into being with the All India Medical Institute.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** Is it a fact that the Irwin Hospital authorities, that is the Delhi State, have refused to hand it over to the Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** That is so.

**Shri C. K. Nair:** May I know if Health in the Part C States is a transferred subject or a reserved subject?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Health is a transferred subject. But of course, in the Part C States, there are directives that can be issued from time to time. The position is not the same as in Part A States.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What time would the Government take for up-grading the various departments in the Medical colleges so that our students who wish to have post-graduate training in Medicine and Surgery may not have to go overseas?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** As quickly as possible. When the expenditure is shared by both the Central Government and the State Governments, a great deal depends on how much and how soon the State Governments can put their share into the scheme.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** May I know what the Government propose to do in connection with the All India Medical Institute, because the Delhi State authorities have refused, as the hon. Minister said just now, to hand over the Irwin Hospital? Where do they want to start the Institute?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** In Delhi. A scheme is under consideration. It is now with the Finance Ministry. We have suggested that we take over 150 acres in the Safdarjan area.

#### AGARTALA-KURTI ROAD

**\*765. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how much money has so far been spent for the construction of Agartala-Kurti (Dharma Nagara) Road?

(b) Has the Road been completed?

(c) Was any co-operation sought from the local people for the construction of this Road and if so, what was the response?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) About Rs. 190 lakhs upto the end of October 1952.

(b) The formation of the road with temporary bridges has been completed throughout, but metalling and construction of bridges is still in progress.

(c) Yes; the response was poor.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** May I know how much money has been lost and what punishment was given, to the defaulters and who was the person?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** There is no question of defalcation.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Is there any chance of a new alignment for the completion of the work?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** A new alignment has already been completed.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will it be a commercial route within a year or two?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The idea is not to have this as a commercial route. The importance of the road lies in its military strategic value.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May we...

**Mr. Speaker:** Let us go to the next question.

#### HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS OF TRIPURA

**\*766. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of hospitals in the rural areas of Tripura?

(b) Do Government propose to increase their number this year?

(c) What is the rate of child mortality in Tripura?

(d) If the rate is very high, what are the reasons for it?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) There are no hospitals in the rural areas of Tripura. Two out of the three hospitals in Tripura are situated at Agartala and one at Kailasahar.

(b) It is proposed to establish one hospital in the rural areas under the Community Projects scheme.

(c) Reliable figures are not available.

(d) The main reasons for a high infant mortality all over the country are poverty, ignorance and the lack of proper medical aid and relief.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Is it a fact that a scheme for a mobile anti-malaria medical unit has been submitted by the Health Officer, Tripura?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** I have no information.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister tell us whether this scheme is going to get a grant this year?

**Mr. Speaker:** Which scheme?

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** The scheme that I mentioned just now.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister said that she has no knowledge about it.

**Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Is it a fact that, in order to check the high rate of child mortality, a women's organisation, namely the Tripura Rajya Ganantrik Nari Samity has demanded the opening of a training centre of Midwifery in Agartala and will the Minister consider this proposal?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** When the request comes up, I will certainly consider it.

#### RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

**\*767. Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many factories are there in India for the production of wagons?

(b) Are attempts being made to make India self-sufficient in the production of coaches and wagons?

(c) When is India expected to reach that stage?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Four:

(1) Messrs. Burn and Co. Howrah.

(2) Messrs. Indian Standard Wagon Co. Ltd., Burnpur.

(3) Messrs. Braithwaite & Co. (India) Ltd., Calcutta.

(4) Messrs. Jessop & Co., Calcutta.

(b) and (c). The wagon and coach production capacity in India is adequate at present to meet normal replacement requirements. Self-sufficiency in respect of the increased demands of coaching and Goods stock is expected to be reached in about 5 years time with the combined production of the new Integral Coach Factory, Perambur; Railway workshops; Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., the four firms referred to and some other Indian manufacturers who are at present being tried out with educational orders.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** What is the total requirement of coaches and wagons, (a) by broad gauge, and (b) by metre gauge?

**Shri Alagesan:** Normally, the replacement requirement for broad gauge is about 350 and metre gauge about 300; for goods wagons the proportion may be in the order of 2:1.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know when the wagon manufacturing factory in Perambur will start functioning?

**Shri Alagesan:** The work on the factory has just started, and in a few years' time, it will start functioning.

**Shri Nambiar:** How many thousands or hundreds of workers are to be employed in the factory?

**Shri Alagesan:** We have no idea at present.

**Shri Nambiar:** What is the proposal exactly, if they have no idea of the number of workers to be employed?

**Mr. Speaker:** The proposal may be to increase the work, and then to employ workers as the work increases.