

(b) whether it is a fact that these figures are mostly from large cities of India?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) No, Sir. The correct figures is 1,26,498.

(b) No.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** In view of the alarming increase all over India of unemployed persons, have Government given any attention to this problem with a view to finding out ways and means of finding employment for more and more persons?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Government is certainly giving attention to this problem. I may also suggest that there should be more initiative on the part of the educated unemployed as well. For instance there is the Bhoodan movement and some of the unemployed may come forward with proposals as to how they can utilise and take advantage of this movement, get into lands and start some co-operative industries and so forth. Certainly all these matters are being considered.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is not asking for any information: It is making suggestions and carrying on arguments.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know what is the percentage of unemployed persons who have been employed by Government and the percentage who have been employed by the private sector through the agency of the employment exchanges?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I am not in a position to give an answer off-hand.

**Shri H. N. Shastri:** May I ask when is the committee, hinted by the hon. Minister of Labour in one of his recent speeches to probe into the question of unemployed, going to be set up by Government?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** It is such a big question and I may tell the hon. Member that when I stated about it it was more in terms of loud thinking rather than putting forward any practical proposals.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know, Sir, how many educated unemployed are every year being added on to the number already unemployed?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Notice, Sir.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir what effective steps are being taken by the Government to reduce unemployment among educated men?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The various projects that are in operation now, the Com-

munity Projects, the Five Year Plan, etc., which are providing so many other avenues, all these must reduce, in the end, unemployment.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know, of the figure given, what percentage are technicians and what percentage are clerks?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** As regards educated unemployed, who are on the live registers today the following are the details:

Matriculates	92,767
Intermediate pass	11,902
Graduates of Engineering	832
Medical	150
others	14,368
Making a total of	1,20,019

on the 31st December, 1952.

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

\*1342. **Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Northern Railway Advisory Committee was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to place on the Table of the House the report of the meeting and its recommendations; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes; on 20th January, 1953.

(b) The Proceedings of Local Advisory Committee Meetings are confidential documents. Two copies of the minutes of the meetings of these Committees will however, be placed in the Library of the House for the use of hon. Members.

(c) Some of the recommendations have been examined and action taken as found necessary, others are still under investigation.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, when the local consultative committees, which, as indicated in the Budget Speech of the hon. Minister of Railways, are to take the place of these Advisory Boards, will be constituted?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We have made some progress in this respect. But the progress has not been as satisfactory as we would like it to be. Still we are making all efforts to constitute them early.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, why these reports are treated as confidential, as the recommendations of the Advisory Boards are to be implemented for the benefit of the passengers and the people?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Because they are confidential.

**Mr. Speaker:** They are going to be placed in the Library of the House. They will cease to be confidential when they are placed there.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, whether these local Advisory Committees have already been abolished?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Yes, Sir, they have been.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** What are the specific reasons for setting up new consultative committees in place of Advisory Boards?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Actually, Sir, the functions of the Local Advisory Committees are much the same as the functions of the Local Consultative Committee. But to bring them in line with the new reorganisation of Railways we have considered it necessary to change the system.

#### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN TUBERCULOSIS

\*1343. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the Government of India have given a grant to the Indian Council of Medical Research for a scheme for epidemiological research in Tuberculosis and if so, what is the amount of the grant?

(b) What is the nature of work contemplated and have any suggestions been made by the Indian Council of Medical Research regarding the expenditure of the amount so granted?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) The Government of India have under consideration the question of payment during 1953-54 of a grant to the Indian Council of Medical Research for a scheme of epidemiological research in tuberculosis.

(b) The purpose of the study is to assess the comparative utility of the different anti-tuberculosis measures under Indian conditions. The Indian Council of Medical Research will utilise the grant for the payment of salary and allowances of the research staff and other contingent expenditure.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, whether this research scheme contemplates the setting up of statistical side and also experimental epidemiology?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, whether any efforts will be made to study epidemiology in relation to industrial workers suffering from tuberculosis?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** Certainly, Sir.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, what special steps will be taken under this scheme to study incidence of tuberculosis among the industrial workers of India?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** The scheme is in its infancy; the actual details have not been worked out. I am anxious that we should have a survey of the incidence of T. B. among industrial workers.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, whether in this experimental epidemiology, laboratory tests will also be conducted on animals?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** These details will have to be looked into.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** The hon. Minister has given the figures of grant for payment of salaries etc. of staff engaged. Could I know who bears the actual expenditure for the research side?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The Indian Council of Medical Research will be given money by the Government of India. The scheme at the moment contemplates an expenditure of Rs. 3.26 lakhs, out of which 1 lakh has been budgeted for this year. In addition, we are going to get international help also in the form of equipment, transport vehicles, mobile dispensaries etc.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, whether any expert has been provided by WHO and whether any materials have been given to the research organisation?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The Tuberculosis Research Office of W.H.O. at Copenhagen have supplied experts and they are also giving equipment, e.g. transport vehicles, mobile X-ray units, X-ray films etc.