

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I have not got the figures here. If the hon. Member is interested I am prepared to give him those figures.

Shri Sarmah: Then, what was the basis of his statement that it is given in generous quantity?

Shri Kidwai: It is the Assam Government that has supplied this information. And whatever the Assam Government considers generous is generous, because they have informed us of this.

Shri R. K. Chaudhury: What is the measure of generosity of the Government of India so far as Assam is concerned?

Shri Kidwai: I think the hon. Member, who comes from Assam, should know better whether what the Government calls generous is generous or is not generous.

CANCER

*246. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the International Cancer Research Commission was of the view that present knowledge on Cancer was not "adequate enough"?

(b) Do Government propose to examine the points suggested by Dr. V. R. Khanolkar, President of the Commission?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) It is a fact that many problems regarding the etiology of cancer have not yet been solved.

(b) The proceedings of the Conference have not yet been received by Government. The points raised at the Conference will of course be examined.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether any separate research is being carried on under the auspices of the Government of India for finding out the real causes of cancer?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Yes, Sir, the Government of India has now got the Cancer Research Institute in Bombay under its control, and research is being carried on there.

Shri V. P. Nayar: By how long does Government expect that research in this direction will bear fruit?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What is this question? Research is endless as far as we have been able to see.

Shri V. P. Nayar: To find out the actual causes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It goes on all over the world. In Canada there is a research institute. All that I wish to point out is that such questions do not serve any purpose. Research is infinite, and in various parts of the world such research is being made. They will benefit by one another's researches. Therefore it is not confined to this country alone.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: There was a Conference on Cancer Research Commission, about its proceedings, I asked the question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is all right. But what is the question?

Sardar A. S. Saigal: I have no supplementaries to make.

MOBILE POST OFFICES

*247. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether final proposals for two mobile post offices in Bombay have been sent to Government for sanction?

(b) If so, has the necessary sanction been granted?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Not yet. The matter is still under examination.

Shri Gidwani: How long it will take?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is a question of rather general application. We have got to expand facilities for mobile post offices. In large towns which have a population of more than five lakhs, we are trying to design a mobile post office van which may afford all necessary facilities and conveniences of a post office.

Shri Gidwani: May I know in how many places this scheme is worked out?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Four places.

Shri Gidwani: Which are those places?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It has been answered a number of times—Madras, Nagpur, Delhi and Kanpur.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN BOMBAY

*248. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for new telephone connections in the city of Bombay?

(b) Is there any scope for expanding the service?