

system of medicine are more useful there?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Sir, I have no statistics about systems of medicine other than the modern system of medicine, and what are the results according to those treatments. I can say without doubt that the treatment for cholera according to the modern system of medicine definitely prevents the spread of cholera whenever there is an epidemic.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the W.H.O., after their statistical study of cholera epidemics in the world, has offered any help to these places where the epidemics occurred in increasing numbers?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Sir, W.H.O. cannot offer help in this direction because we are perfectly well aware of what to do when epidemics occur. But, the W.H.O. has appointed an expert Study Group for cholera which is carrying on work in collaboration with the Government of India and the Indian Council of Medical Research.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Has the attention of the Government of West Bengal been drawn to these facts by the Central Government, to take special care of these places?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Yes, Sir. A report is in their possession.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know whether the Central Government have given any instructions to the State Governments to take effective steps to prevent these diseases in deltaic areas; and, if so, what are the reactions of the State Governments?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The State Governments are in possession of what knowledge the Central Government has. Very great attention to environment and sanitation alone will provide a permanent measure for the control of cholera and the State Governments are aware of this.

#### AIR FARE FROM DELHI TO BANGALORE

\*1581. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the distance by plane from Delhi to Bangalore via Hyderabad is shorter than the distance from Delhi to Madras?

(b) Is the fare to Bangalore higher than that to Madras?

(c) If so, why?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Fares are fixed by the Company on the basis of various economic factors. Maximum and minimum limits of fares are prescribed by the Air Transport Licensing Board. Rates not falling within these limits have to be specifically justified to the Air Transport Licensing Board.

The service between Delhi-Bangalore is not direct. In constructing fare for Delhi-Bangalore, the fares for the component sectors, namely, Delhi-Hyderabad and Hyderabad-Bangalore, are to be taken into consideration. Considerations governing fares for the two component sectors naturally differ.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** What is the difference in fare, Sir?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** It is Rs. 217 for the Delhi-Hyderabad-Bangalore route and Rs. 191 for the Delhi Madras direct service.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it worth while to pursue this question when the Air Corporations Bill is there?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Is the Government aware that the Delhi-Bangalore route brings Salem and Coimbatore nearer.....?

**Mr. Speaker:** When the Air Corporation Bill is going to be taken up shortly, it would be the duty of the Government to decide these things. I do not think we need go into all these details now. We will have ample opportunities to discuss these later on.

#### SALTANPUR-JAFRABAD RAILWAY LINE

\*1582. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey of Saltanpur-Jafraabad Railway line has been completed;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred so far on the survey programme;

(c) whether the reconstruction work has started;

(d) if so, the progress made so far; and

(e) the strength of staff engaged in the survey of the same?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 18,000 approximately.

(c) Not yet. Preliminary arrangements, such as collection of material are in hand.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) One Inspector of works and four Assistant Inspectors with the usual complement of Khalasis and Class IV staff.

**Shri Ganpati Ram:** May I know how long it will take to complete the survey work?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The survey work has almost been completed.

**Shri Ganpati Ram:** May I know whether there is any time limit to complete the reconstruction work of the line for the full operation of the transport service?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Although no time limit has been fixed, we have allotted very substantial sums of money and we hope that by the end of this year we shall have made very substantial progress.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** May I know, Sir, whether Government has any definite plan on an all-India basis or is it done otherwise?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** It is done on a planned basis, Sir.

#### LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE

\*1571. **Sardar A. S. Saigal (on behalf of Shri Jangde):** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the 40 seats filled every year in the Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, no seat is reserved for persons belonging to Scheduled Castes; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reserve seats to Scheduled Castes candidates in the Lady Hardinge Medical College also?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Although no specific reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes students has been made the Selection Committee, while making selections, gives due consideration to such applicants.

(b) The Governing Body of the Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital will be asked to consider the question of making such a reservation at the College at its next meeting.

**सरदार ए० एस० सहगल :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उस केन्द्र से भरती होने के लिए किसी भी शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट कैंडिडेट को दरखास्त आयी है ?

**राजकुमारी अमृत कौर :** मैं ने कोई पांच ६ साल के आंकड़े देखे थे और उन में मैं ने बहुत कम शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट की लड़कियों की दरखास्तें देखी हैं। बात यह है कि हमें यहां पर ऐसी लड़कियां लेनी पड़ती हैं कि जिनके इम्तिहान में एक स्यास स्टैंडर्ड तक मार्क आयें। लेकिन वहां तक हमारी शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट की लड़कियां नहीं पहुंच पातीं। यह मेरी मुश्किल है।

**सरदार ए० एस० सहगल :** क्या मैं प्रार्थना कर सकता हूँ कि जिस वक्त शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट की लड़कियां आबें तो उन के साथ एक स्यास रियायत की जाय और जो प्रतिबन्ध दूसरों पर लगाया जाता है उन पर न लगाया जाय।

**राजकुमारी अमृत कौर :** जनाब यह बहुत मुश्किल है क्योंकि अगर उसका स्टैंडर्ड काफी नहीं होगा तो वह लड़की खुद नहीं पढ़ सकेगी।

**श्री पी० एन० राजभोज :** कहाँ कहाँ कौन कौन से मेडीकल कालिजों में शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट के कैंडिडेट्स के लिए रिजर्वेशन किया गया है ?

**Mr. Speaker:** This question is much wider than the scope of the original question.

**श्री पी० एन० राजभोज :** १९५२-५३ में शिड्यूल्ड कास्ट के कैंडिडेट्स की कितनी अर्जियां आयी है ?

**राजकुमारी अमृत कौर :** मैं इस वक्त इसका जवाब नहीं दे सकती हूँ। मैं पता लेकर आप को बतला सकती हूँ।

**Kumari Annie Mascarene:** May I know, Sir, why in this institution, when qualified Indian hands are available, an American expert was engaged?