

as the central co-ordinating and regulating authority of the country on all matters relating to wireless communications.

(c) A statement is placed on the table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 17.]

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know when the work was started?

Shri Raj Bahadur: On 1st July 1952, the organisation came into being.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members must get up quickly. Next question.

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HOSPITALS

*540. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the Eighth International Conference for Hospitals was held at London?

(b) If so, what are the important Resolutions adopted at the Conference?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes, in May, 1953.

(b) The International Hospital Federation does not adopt any resolutions at the International Hospital Congress. The main theme for study at this Congress was "Preventive Medicine as a major function of the hospital and its implications".

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know what were the subjects discussed in the conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: There was only one subject discussed. It was studied in the plenary session by sectional groups from the following four points of view—one was planning and construction; second, administration; third, medical and clinical care and, fourth, social welfare services.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know since when is India a member of this international conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: India is a member since 1951.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the world statistics collected by the World Health Organization as regards the prevalence of cholera in the world has been discussed in this international conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I said clearly that the central theme for study at this Congress was preventive medicine as a major function of the hospital and its implications. About this WHO, if the hon. Members would put a separate question, I shall answer.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know who represented India at this conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Col. Parischa, Medical Adviser to the High Commissioner in London represented the Government of India.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What recommendations have been made by the conference? •

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: A complete report is still awaited.

RAILWAY USERS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

*541. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the National, Zonal, Regional or Divisional Users' Consultative Committees, as envisaged in the Minister's budget speech, have been formed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Yes, Sir.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether these Committees are to be nominated or elected?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Mainly nominated.

Shrimati A. Kale: What would be the position of the MPs vis-a-vis this committee?