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The House met at Two of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

साथ तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में छटनी

*६५६. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या साथ तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ११ सेक्शन आफिसर्स, ४६ असिस्टेन्ट्स, ४४ लोअर डिबीजन क्लर्कों और १ स्टैटिस्टिकल असिस्टेन्ट की छटनी करने के सम्बन्ध में प्राक्कालन समिति की सिफारिश पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(ख) उपरोक्त छटनी के फलस्वरूप उच्च अधिकारियों, परामर्शदाताओं, विशेषज्ञों स्टैनोग्राफरों और पर्सनल असिस्टेन्टों के कितने पद खाली होने की सम्भावना है ;

(ग) उपरोक्त भाग (क) तथा (ख) में उल्लिखित छटनी के फलस्वरूप प्रतिवर्ष कितनी बचत होने की सम्भावना है; और

(घ) यह काम कब तक पूरा होने की आशा है ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Estimates Committee are under consideration.

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Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know for how long these recommendations have been under consideration?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is not as long as the Estimates Committee took to make the recommendations.

FAMILY PLANNING

*657. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state which of the recommendations of the Family Planning Research and Programme Committee have been accepted and implemented so far?

(b) Have Government published any literature on this subject for use in the rural and urban areas?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) All the recommendations of the Family Planning Research and Programmes Committee have been generally accepted by the Government of India. The main recommendation made by the Committee is to make grants from the Centre to the State Governments and to private Family Planning Clinics in the ratio of 4 to 1. A scheme indicating the detailed terms and conditions on which such grants will be made has been sent to the State Governments and Voluntary Organisations.

(b) Yes.

Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Do Government propose to establish birth control clinics in big cities like Delhi and Bombay?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The recommendations have been sent to the

State Governments, and their replies are awaited. The Government of India have no intention of having any clinics.

Shri S. N. Das: What is the total sum required to implement the recommendations of this Committee?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: A sum of Rs. 3 lakhs has been provided in the current year's Budget and Rs. 30 lakhs have been provided for the next two years.

Shri Kelappan: May I know if it is not a fact that better food and a more balanced diet results in reduced birth-rate.....

Mr. Speaker: He is arguing, and there would be no end to it.

Shri Kelappan:.....and do Government propose to improve the quality of the food available to the people?

Shri M. D. Ramasami: What steps have Government taken to educate the public in regard to the need for family planning?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: A fair amount of education has been given and is still being given in all our health centres.

INDIAN STAMP

*658. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) when the first Indian Postage stamp was produced and at which place;

(b) whether it is proposed to celebrate the Centenary after hundred years are over; and

(c) whether exhibits from other countries would also be invited?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) India's first postage stamp was produced in 1854. The stamps were printed at the Surveyor-General's Press, Calcutta.

(b) Yes, in October, 1954.

(c) Yes.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any countries have been addressed on the subject so far, and have any of them sent their stamp exhibits?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Several foreign countries have been addressed by the Director-General of P & T. We have also approached foreign countries through our diplomatic channels.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any souvenir would be issued containing the stamps that have been put out so far, and if so, whether it would be available for sale to the public or for presentation purposes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There would be a facsimile of some stamps issued by way of a souvenir.

Shri Velayudhan: How much money have Government sanctioned for this Exhibition?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The estimated expenditure is Rs. 10 lakhs.

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*६५६. **सेठ गोविन्द बास :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि दिल्ली राज्य में १९५३ में कितने व्यक्तियों को बी० सी० जी० के टीके लगाए गए ?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): 1,86,867 persons were vaccinated with B.C.G. in Delhi State during 1953.

सेठ गोविन्द बास : अब तक इस टीके की जो रिपोर्टें मिली हैं, इस देश में या विदेशों में, उनसे क्या गवर्नमेंट को इस बात पर विश्वास हो गया है कि इस टीके से लम्बे दौरान में कोई नुकसान नहीं होता और फायदा होता है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर) : जी हां, यहां तो हम इस के बारे में अभी कुछ नहीं कह सकते, लेकिन जो कुछ काम हम यहां पर कर रहे हैं वह सन्तोषजनक है। विदेशों में