

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