

stated in the orders of Government on the report of the Committee.

#### AERATED WATER LICENCES ON RAILWAYS

\*2243. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the policy adopted in the Southern Railway for issuing licences to aerated water contractors?

(b) Is this the policy adopted on all the Railways?

(c) Who is responsible for testing bacteriologically the aerated water that is sold in the railway premises and at what intervals is this test carried out?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Aerated water contracts are licensed out after calling for applications. The aerated waters sold are required to be from factories certified by the Public Health Department and the prices are fixed by the railway administration.

(b) The same policy is followed by all Indian Railways.

(c) Apart from the initial certification by the Public Health Department of the concerned State Government referred to in part (a) of the reply, railway administrations also carry out periodical tests of aerated waters sold in railway premises.

#### RUNNER SERVICE

\*2261. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the total number of Runners' lines still in existence for the conveyance of mails on mofussil routes in the country?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** There are 19,613 Runners' lines in the country for conveyance of mails.

#### D.D.T.

\*2268. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that mosquitoes and some other insects have

developed resistance to D.D.T. in some countries?

(b) Has it come to the notice of Government that there are D.D.T. resistant mosquitoes in the Madras State?

(c) If the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, at what places has research been undertaken in this connection and what are the results?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) It is reported that mosquitoes and other insects have developed resistance to D.D.T. in some countries. e.g., in United States of America and parts of Europe.

(b) No.

(c) Large scale control experiments have been carried out at the Malaria Institute of India, Delhi and its branch at Coonoor in South India to determine whether any species of mosquitoes have developed resistance to D.D.T. The results of these experiments have shown that so far no resistance has developed in any of the species of mosquito that have been examined.

#### FAMILY PLANNING

\*2271. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Centres for training Family Planning Personnel are going to be started?

(b) How many Centres are proposed to be opened and at what places?

(c) When are they to be started?

(d) Is there any proposal to start such Centres in Madras State?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (d). At present the proposal is to establish only one main training Centre at Bombay. Interim short-term courses of training will, in addition, be organized in the States.

(c) During 1954-55,