

5. West Bengal.
6. Pepsu.
7. Madhya Bharat.
8. Travancore & Cochin.
9. Mysore.
10. Tripura.

The required information from the remaining States is still awaited.

Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Was there a uniform increase in all climates in the States?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The increase varies from five maunds of additional produce to thirty-eight maunds.

Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Was this experiment tried in Jammu and Kashmir State also?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have no report so far.

Shri Dabhi: May I know the production per acre and the cost per acre?

Mr. Speaker: This question was asked about a week or a fortnight ago.

Shri Dabhi: Here all the States have been mentioned.

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question.

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*943. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 13th session of the W.H.O. Executive Board and also a meeting of all W.H.O. Regional Directors were held in Geneva in January 1954;

(b) if so, what problems of special importance to India were discussed at this session; and

(c) whether any increase in the regular budget of W.H.O. has been made?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Sbrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes.

(b) The questions dealt with at the Regional Directors' meeting, which

was an informal conference, did not concern the health problems in India in particular. A statement indicating the important matters discussed at the Thirteenth Session of the World Health Organisation Executive Board is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 1].

(c) The Executive Board has recommended an increase in the regular budget of World Health Organisation subject to approval by the World Health Assembly in May next.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Why was this increase in the budget necessitated, and will this addition to the budget affect our health schemes in India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The figure has been recommended on the basis of certain facts. The World Health Organisation is asked to take up a number of programmes by the so-called under-developed countries. It is unable to do so on the present basis of finances that it gets from the United Nations. Therefore, the Executive Board recommended that perhaps if Member-States subscribed a little more, that extra money could be made available. All schemes will be affected in India, as in any other country, if the budget is not brought up to what the Executive Board has recommended.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know what amount we shall have to contribute for this increased budget?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: We would certainly have to pay an increased amount, probably either of about six lakhs or about eight lakhs according to what decision is taken at the Assembly.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether the World Health Assembly, scheduled to meet in May next, is likely to accept any fresh scheme of ours so far as health is concerned?

Rajkumari Amrit kaur: I have not got the agenda yet, but all schemes that are put forward by the countries concerned are considered, and considered very favourably.