

की सिफारिशों पर कोई निर्णय किया है ;
और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह निर्णय क्या है
और किस तिथि से लागू होगा ?

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

(b) The M.B.B.S. degree of the Bihar University when granted after the 1st April, 1953 has been recognised under the Indian Medical Council Act. 1933.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the case of those students who passed the M.B.B.S. course from that college before this date has been considered and, if so, what is the decision of Government with regard to them?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: This is the first regular batch of M.B.B.S. students who have passed out of the Darbhanga Medical College after it was affiliated to the Bihar University. Those students who passed out prior to 1953 are not going to be affected because the college was affiliated to the Patna University and the degrees awarded by the Patna University are already recognised.

Shri S. N. Das: In between the taking over of this college by the Bihar University and its previous affiliation to the Patna University certain examinations were held and students passed. What will happen to those cases?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: The Government of India are aware of the condensed M.B.B.S. course that was being conducted by the Darbhanga Medical College and those students that passed that examination are going to be affected. We have brought this to the notice of the Indian Medical Council and we have asked them to reconsider the date.

GUARANTEED P. AND T. OFFICES

*2061. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments can pool the revenue and expenditure of

all Post and Telegraph offices guaranteed by them and pay only the net deficits of guarantee;

(b) how many such Post and Telegraph offices have been opened and by which State Governments under the above Scheme; and

(c) whether Government have calculated how much the State Governments have been financially benefited by this system?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the information upto 28th February 1954 has been laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 2.]

(c) It has been estimated that the State Governments will save Rs. 1½ lakhs per annum from these arrangements.

Shri S. C. Samanta: From the statement I find that important States like West Bengal, U.P., Delhi, PEPSU etc., have not taken advantage of that scheme. May I know the reason?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We accepted this scheme from the 1st of April, 1952. It is for the State Governments to take advantage of it.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that still 104 telegraph offices are to be opened near police stations in West Bengal and, if so, whether the West Bengal Government have approached this Ministry or the Ministry has informed the State Government about it?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not in a position to give a categorical reply without checking up.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the State of Assam has been given preference as regards priority?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes, Sir; that is a fact.

श्री जयलक्ष्मी : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने इस मुद्दे पर

से कोई लाम उठाया है ? यदि हां, तो कितने डाकघरों में यह योजना लागू की गई है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : मैं ने जो स्टेटमेंट टेबल पर रक्खा है, उसमें दुर्भाग्यवश उत्तर प्रदेश का नाम नहीं है।

INSEMINATION OF COWS

***2063. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of cows inseminated every year since 1951 in the various artificial insemination centres?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know the Minister's idea as to whether the calf born of artificial insemination is better than the natural one or worse?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is quite as good as the natural process, and the results, so far as I myself have seen, are very satisfactory.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether this system will be extended to other animals such as buffaloes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is a particular paucity of proper bulls so far as cows are concerned and that is the reason we want to concentrate on them, but the other animals are being and will also be taken up if circumstances make it necessary.

Shri N. L. Joshi: Is any charge levied for this type of insemination? If so, how much?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: As a rule, no charge is levied.

GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF WATER SUPPLY

***2064. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a project to study geological conditions in relation to water-supply and the possibility of utilizing underground water for irrigation;

(b) if so, when that project is likely to be launched; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) The preliminary work under the project has already started. The actual construction work will start as soon as these preliminaries have been completed.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is 4.5 million dollars and 1.2 crores of rupees.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know in which area the project to study geological conditions has been started and whether similar operations in any of the areas have been completed?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The actual work has not started yet, but the survey is going on. Tentatively, it extends to sixteen States and the various places and areas have been indicated in the scheme itself. Now, a party of a few people is going round to see what places should be actually chosen.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the number of tube-wells or borings which are proposed to be constructed under this scheme and from which source the finance necessary for those wells will be met?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The total number is 350, and as I have already indicated, the American assistance will be to the extent of 4.5 million dollars, and the rupee expenditure will be Rs. 1.2 crores.

Shri Bansal: May I know if the survey party visited Rohtak and Gurgaon districts a month back and, if so, whether its report has been received by Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not yet seen the report.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: Have the Government examined the view that exploitation of the sub-soil water supply may prejudicially affect the water-supply position permanently?