

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know how many institutions have been established by the Centre and by the States in India under this scheme?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I could not give the number because it is impossible to say how many new institutions we have established. But I can tell the hon. Member about the number of institutions that are being helped under this scheme.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know if any work has been started in the rural areas under this scheme, as has been replied to by the hon. Minister? If so, in what States and what centres?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: There are 150 many centres where this scheme has been started. There are 51 centres of training schools for midwives who are receiving assistance. There are 28 midwives' schools supplied with 30 varieties of teaching equipments and they are spread over the whole of India in all the States. Then there are training schools for nurses to the extent of 50. Again there are training schools who have been supplied with teaching equipment to the tune of 20.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: How many Asian countries are to benefit under this scheme and what are the countries that are contributing to the scheme?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: No Asian countries are contributing to our development. The equipment is provided by UNCIEF and the rest, practically, we do ourselves.

RAILWAY HOSPITALS

*1228. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the policy in the matter of allowing doctors other than those employed by the Railways either in permanent or honorary capacity to undertake surgical operations in Railway Hospitals?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawas Khan): No outside

doctors are ordinarily allowed to conduct surgical operations in Railway Hospitals. In cases of emergencies when a Railway Doctor in attendance considers it necessary to consult any Specialist or other Medical Officer in the Service of Government, he can call him in the Railway Hospital for consultation.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chief Medical Officer of Southern Railway at Madras underwent a surgical operation by a non-railway doctor and if so, what are the reasons?

Shri Shahnawas Khan: Yes; this thing has come to our notice, Dr. Soma Sekhar who was the Chief Medical Officer, Southern Railway, was operated upon by Dr. C. V. Menon who was honorary surgeon to the Government General Hospital; also a Government hospital.

Shri Muniswami: May I know...

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. We will go to the next question. I do not propose to allow any other personal question of that kind.

TURMERIC RESEARCH STATION

*1229. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Turmeric Research Station at G. Udayagiri (Orissa) has been subsidized to the extent of 75 per cent. of the entire expenditure thereof, by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what kind of control Government have over this institute?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The recurring expenditure from 1944-45 to 1948-49 was shared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the State Government in the proportion of 75 : 25 and thereafter on 50 : 50 basis.

(b) The institute is directly administered by the State Government, but the technical programme and the