

just mentioned? And what is the expense that the Government of India are going to undergo on this?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** May I have the question repeated?

**Mr. Speaker:** I think he wants to know the names of the agencies other than those mentioned by the hon. Minister, and how far the Government of India are going to bear the expenditure.

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** The scholarships will be given by these agencies. The Government of India will have no expense.

**Dr. Rama Rao:** May I know the number of applications received, and the number of States from which the applications have been made? May I also know whether the selections have been made, and if so, from what States?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** No selection has yet been made. The advertisement only went out the other day, and it is open up to November 30th, for applicants to send in their applications.

**Pandit C. N. Malviya:** May I know whether there is a proposal to appoint a selection committee for selecting the trainees?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The selection will be made in the ordinary way, but it will be on the recommendation of the State Governments concerned.

**Pandit C. N. Malviya:** May I know the minimum qualifications envisaged, for selecting the trainees?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** We say, the candidates must be Indian nationals, and must be in responsible administrative posts connected with Local Self-Government Administration, and naturally they must be sponsored by the State concerned.

#### RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

\*61, **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about one thousand class III Railway

employees on the North-Eastern Railway have been retrenched recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Has the attention of Government been drawn to the news published in September 1954, in the Patna papers, a copy of which I have already submitted?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, the attention of Government has been drawn to this news item, which is entirely incorrect.

**Shri Nambiar rose.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Nambiar:** But there is one point....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Let us go to the next question.

**Shri Nambiar:** But there are cases of retrenchment. He has not correctly understood it.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

#### CO-OPERATIVE FARMING

\*62. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 740 asked on the 10th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether any further proposals have been received from the State Governments for development of co-operative farming;

(b) if so, the names of the States from which the proposals have been received; and

(c) the nature of the scheme drawn up by Government for expending the 40 lakhs of rupees set apart in the Plan for promoting experiments in the co-operative farming?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Detsh Mukh):** (a) Yes, Sir.