

allowance when others are getting Rs. 2-4-0 per day?

Shri Alagesan: Perhaps, they should have opted for it.

FAMILY PLANNING

*347. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether, under the Family Planning and Population Control Research undertaken by Government, any specific research has been conducted to find out the effect of malnutrition on human fertility amongst the different income groups?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): No such specific research has been conducted so far.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Government are aware whether it has been established that deficiency in proteins is conducive to increase in human fertility?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Government are aware that that opinion is held, especially in the book called *Geography of Hunger*. The Nutrition Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research actually appointed a Committee in November, last year, to do some specific research and we are trying to collect data to establish results in our country.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Government are aware that the latest *Census Report* of the Government of India indicates that in State like the Punjab where the average consumption of meat and milk products is much more than in Madras and Travancore-Cochin, fertility is much lower than in Madras and Travancore-Cochin where the average of protein consumed is considerably less?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: That is the data so far available.

Shri V. P. Nayar: In view of this revelation in the *Census Report* and in view also of the fact that population research is being conducted at 496 LSD.

the instance of the Central Government, may I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of conducting research on animals like rats, guinea pigs and rabbits with particular reference to the effect of protein deficiency on fertility?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: One of the recommendations of this Committee is that careful animal experimentation is necessary.

Shrimati Jayashri: May I know whether any research is undertaken in fertility Statewise?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: This Committee undertook research purely in regard to rice diets. We have done that so far. We will try to get more research done in the various States also.

SHAH NAWA COMMITTEE REPORT

*348. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 185 on the 1st September 1954 and state:

(a) whether the examination of the report of the Shah Nawaz Committee which enquired into the causes of accidents on the Railways, by another Committee has since been concluded;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to lay a copy of the same on the Table of the House; and

(c) if not, what are the main recommendations and to what extent they have been implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The report of the Reviewing Committee is under examination and a copy will be placed in the Library of the House after the examination is over.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b).

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if the Government propose to expedite examination, because during the