

स्वास्थ्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती चन्द्रोत्तर) :
(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

डा० जलचक्रादी : क्या इस सवाल की तरफ राज्य सरकारों की लापरवाही और सवाल की अहमियत को सामने रखते हुए केंद्रीय सरकार को कभी खयाल आया है कि हमेशा से नजरअंदाज किए हुए सफाई करने वाले मजदूरों और उन के परिवारों की सेहत के लिए भी कुछ करने की जरूरत है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर) : हमारे ध्यान में कोई खास बीमारी जो इन लोगों में उठती है, नहीं लाई गई है लेकिन प्रान्तीय सरकारों को यह बतला गया है कि इन लोगों के काम करने के साधन अच्छे होने चाहिये और इन के रहन-सहन की तरफ उनको हमेशा ध्यान देना चाहिये ।

Shri V. P. Nayar. May I know whether the Central Government have impressed upon the State Governments the necessity of providing suitable gloves and footwear to the scavengers.

Mr. Speaker: I think it is a detailed question.

RECRUITMENT TO RAILWAYS

*2426. Pandit Lingaraj Misra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all candidates for Railway Service from the Eastern and North Eastern Railways regions are interviewed by the Railway Service Commission at Calcutta; and

(b) whether Government have issued any instructions to the Commission to interview candidates of different areas at the respective Regional Centres?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

Pandit Lingaraj Misra: Is the hon. Minister aware that there is much discontentment among the candidates in Orissa as many suitable candidates with the requisite qualifications are not even called for interview?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are not aware of any special discontentment in Orissa particularly, but it is a fact that due to this very important problem of educated unemployment, a large number of educated young men apply for it and it is not possible for the Commission to send for everybody who applies for it.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Railway Public Service Commission has been directed to pay adequate consideration in the case of applicants who are very much proficient in sports and games for recruitment?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I believe this aspect is also given due consideration when candidates are being selected.

Mr. Speaker: I should have thought that the candidates are selected for the work for which they are found to be efficient.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is why I wanted to clarify.

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

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ACT

*2427. Shri Tushar Chatterjee: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend the Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952 to some more industries; and

(b) if so, the names of these industries and when the matter will be finalised?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) Statistical data in respect of certain well-established industries