

(ख) धरासु-भटवारी और बदरीनाथ-भाणा प्रत्येक अश्वपथ को सुधारने के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को ४ लाख रुपये का अनुदान देना प्रस्तावित किया गया है, गिरगांव-चूंग और ग्याल्यांग-लिपुलेख अश्वपथ के लिये कोई अनुदान देना प्रस्तावित नहीं किया जा सका ।

श्री भक्त वर्मान : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो अनुदान दिया गया है वह किन शर्तों पर दिया गया है, अर्थात् क्या राज्य सरकार को भी कोई रकम खर्च करनी पड़ेगी ?

Shri Alagesan: It is a full grant.

श्री भक्त वर्मान : क्या मंत्रालय को इस आशय की शिकायतें मिली हैं कि जिन सड़कों के लिये अनुदान स्वीकार किये गये हैं उनके एस्टीमेट और प्लान स्वीकार करने में बड़ी देरी हो जाती है, जिसकी वजह से वास्तविक निर्माण कार्य में बहुत अड़चन पड़ती है । क्या इस बारे में कोई खास कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

Shri Alagesan: In fact our complaint has been that the State Governments have not been sending these estimates quickly so that we may pass them. And, last year, we had a conference also convened to impress upon the various State Governments that these estimates should be sent as quickly as possible so that the works can be executed.

FAMILY PLANNING

*1517. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 443 on the 29th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the "Rhythm" method of family planning has been experimentally proved to be successful;

(b) if so, the extent of its success; and

(c) its effectiveness and advantages over the artificial methods of birth control?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) It is not possible

to say whether the method has been successful until an assessment of the data collected in the experimental studies on the "Rhythm" method and an evaluation of the results are carried out.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri Dabhi: In reply to Starred Question No. 1150 asked on 17th March, 1955, the hon. Minister stated that the 'Rhythm' method was unpopular with the husbands. May I know whether Government have tried to ascertain the reasons why it is unpopular with the husbands?

Mr. Speaker: I do not permit that question.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know whether the principle that the 'rhythm' method is essential for family planning in India has been accepted by the Government of India and whether the hon. Minister knows that the country at large wants the family planning methods to be successful at the earliest possible date?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The 'Rhythm' method has been accepted as one means of family planning.

AUTOMOBILE SMOKE

*1521. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been made as to whether the diesel buses emitting smoke are more dangerous to the health of the citizens than petrol burning cars; and

(b) if so, what is the result of the enquiry?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) No such enquiry has been made.

(b) Does not arise.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Is the hon. Minister aware that there was a dispute between the Calcutta Corporation and the Transport Authority of Bengal on this point whether the diesel oil engines emitting carbon-dioxide are more harmful than the petrol-driven engines emitting monoxide?