

में उन पर बहुत देर तक विचार होता रहता है, इस कारण उनके निबटारे में अनिवाय रूप से विलम्ब हो जाता है। प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि इस प्रकार के मामलों में विलम्ब बहुत कम हो।

(ख) भारत भर में एक वर्ष से अधिक काल से चलते आ रहे लगभग ६०० घोड़े के मामलों की सूचना मिली है।

Medical Facilities to Government Employees

*2258. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any differentiation is made in the medical facilities provided to Class I, II, III and IV Government employees; and

(b) if so, the range of disparity and the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shri-mati Chandrasekhar : (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 26].

Training of Labour Welfare Officers in Social Work

*2259. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the details of the Scheme regarding the training of Government Labour Welfare Officers in Social Work?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): The Government of India have arranged with the Calcutta University to train Labour Welfare Officers of the Central and State Governments in a short term course. The course is conducted in conjunction with the regular long-term social work course of the University and its duration is six months. Two such courses are held every year, one commencing in January and the other in June. Normally 15 officers are sent for each course. The expenditure on the training is borne by the Central and State Governments in proportion to the number of candidates sent by each Government for training. The syllabus includes both theoretical and practical training. At the end of each course, an examination is held and the successful candidates are awarded Diplomas.

Veterinary Colleges

*2260. **Shri Radha Raman :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open four new veterinary colleges in the country ;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof ;

(c) the total number of veterinary colleges in India at present, State-wise ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) Yes. The Government of India, in consultation with the Planning Commission, have decided to give financial assistance to the State Governments of Andhra, Travancore-Cochin, Orissa and Madhya Bharat for the establishment of a veterinary College in each State. All the four States have accepted the offer and have since started the veterinary colleges from this year.

(b) Roughly Rs. 1.2 crores on the establishment of 4 new veterinary colleges.

(c) There are in all 14 veterinary colleges in India (including four new colleges opened this year), one each in the States of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Bombay, Hyderabad, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Andhra, Travancore-Cochin and Madhya Bharat.

African Fish Culture

*2261. **Shri Sanganna :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Experts Fisheries Research Committee has recommended the african fish culture in India ; and

(b) if so, whether this recommendation has been accepted by Government ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) and (b). It is presumed that the Hon. Member refers to the culture of *Tilapia* in India. The Fisheries Research Committee has recommended the culture of this fish only in areas (i) in the western-slopes of the Western Ghats and the coastal strip between Cape Comorin and south of and excluding river Tapti, and (ii) in districts of Tinnevely Madura and Ramnad in Madras south of and including river Vaigai. The Committee has suggested further investigation to enable it to examine the question of desirability of *Tilapia* culture in other parts of India.

These recommendations have been accepted by Government.