

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan :** As early as possible.

**Shri T. B. Vital Rao :** Am I to understand from the reply that the survey has actually not started yet?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan :** As I said the personnel is being recruited and the equipment for carrying out the survey is being collected.

PITHORAGARH POST OFFICE BUILDING

**\*45. Shri B. D. Pande :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether a new post office building is to be constructed at Pithoragarh in the Almora district?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :** The reply is in the affirmative.

CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS

**\*46. Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the nature of aid that Government gives to the States for the control of tuberculosis?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) :** A statement showing the nature of aid given to the States is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 2].

**Shri Gidwani :** In item (iv) of the statement it is said :

“payment of non-recurring grants to deserving voluntary T. B. hospitals and institutions for the purchase of equipment and the expansion of their activities”.

May I enquire which are the States, how much amount has been given and to which institutions and hospitals?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** Rs. 39 lakhs have been set apart in the First Five Year Plan for assisting institutions. If a break-up is asked for, I can give it. There are about 15 institutions which have been given assistance. It

is a big list. If you want, I can read out the list.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** It may be placed on the Table of the House.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि स्टेट्स को जो मदद दी जाती है, उसके अलावा क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार की ओर से कोई सैनिटोरिया आदि बनाने की भी कोई योजना है, यदि हाँ तो द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में कितने बंडस प्रोवाइड किये जायेंगे ?

**स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर) :** जो मदद केन्द्रीय सरकार प्रान्तीय सरकारों को देती है वह विल्डिगज यानी इमारतें बनाने के लिये नहीं होती हैं और यह काम स्टेट्स पर ही निर्भर करता है ।

**Shri Gidwani :** In part (v) of the statement it is said :

“payment of grants to certain State Governments and institutions for the treatment of indigent displaced T. B. patients from Pakistan”.

May I enquire to which States that grant has been given, and how much for T. B. patients?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** Punjab, PEPSU, U.P., Bombay, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Ajmer, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, Bhopal and Cutch are the 13 States which have been given the assistance.

**Shri Gidwani :** What is the amount for Bombay and other States?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** Why did he not ask it in the question itself?

**Shri Gidwani :** I asked it.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** Is it part of the statement? Is this information regarding the amounts allotted part of the statement?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** It is not included. The detailed information is not asked for and it is not given there.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** The question is :

“Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the nature of aid that Government gives to the State for the control of tuberculosis?”

**Shri Gidwani :** My question was amended by your department. If you like, I shall read out my original question :

“Is it a fact that Government had offered substantial subsidy to the States for the control of Tuberculosis? What were the conditions on which the subsidy was given? What was the amount of the subsidy paid to the States in 1952?”

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** That has been omitted?

**Shri Gidwani :** That has been omitted and amended.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** Very well.

**Shri Kamath :** Is it not a fact that mass vaccination of B.C.G. to which the statement refers confers only doubtful immunity against tuberculosis and in several cases has had deleterious effects, and if so, may I know whether the Government propose to replace this mass vaccination by carefully selected individual vaccination?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur :** There is no evidence in our possession to show that B.C.G. has deleterious effects on any body vaccinated. That is not the experience about B.C.G. throughout the world, and that is not our experience either, and therefore mass vaccination in B.C.G. will continue. And I may remind the questioner that only those who are tested and found fit to take the vaccination are given the vaccination.

**Shri K. K. Basu :** May I know whether arrangements are made for the supply of drugs for the treatment of tuberculosis at a cheaper price to those patients who cannot get entrance into the sanatoria or other hospitals?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur :** In the clinics where domiciliary treatment is

given, that aspect of the question is looked into and it is looked into in the sanatoria also.

**Shri Tek Chand :** May I know what effective steps have been taken for educating the public in adopting preventive measures?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** The question relates to the nature of aid given.

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur :** Health education includes this also, but I may say that there are certain things which cannot be given to the people only by education. Malnutrition, under-nutrition, overcrowding etc., are primary factors in the matter of the spread of T.B.

**Dr. Rama Rao :** May I know if the Government have received any representations from any State and if so, is it under the consideration of the Government to build special wards particularly for university students at least?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur :** The World University Service has built a certain number of wards for students and we have advised the State Governments to build wards in the civil hospitals in order to isolate patients and the universities also to pay special attention to students.

**Shri Kelappan :** May I know whether Government will undertake the maintenance of sanatoria where the buildings and equipment are provided by the public?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur :** The maintenance of sanatoria is the duty of the States and not of the Central Government.

#### HINDI SIGN BOARDS AT RAILWAY STATIONS

\*48. **Dr. Rama Rao :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued to use Hindi sign boards on station premises throughout the country ;