

**Shri Gidwani :** Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a report published in this morning's papers that there have been some cases of virus encephalitis? Will the Government call a meeting of experts with a view to take measures before it assumes an epidemic form?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** I too saw the report this morning. I think all necessary measures will be taken to safeguard the citizens of Delhi.

**Shri V. P. Nayar :** May I know whether in the enquiry any study has been made of the strains of virus which caused infective hepatitis and if so whether such strains were known strains of this particular virus or new strains in Delhi?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** Investigations were carried under five heads, epidemiology, histology, biochemistry and radiology, virology, electronic microscopic study and animal experimentation, and therapy. In these five different ways they are trying to find out the causative organism of the disease and they will take steps to remedy.

**Shri Radha Raman :** Pending the final report and the action which the Government might take in this matter, in view of the reports available to us earlier that jaundice was caused by contamination of water, may I know what immediate steps Government is taking or has taken to see that that mistake is not repeated?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** It was answered a number of times that the disease was caused by unclean water and every step is being taken to supply the Delhi citizens clean water.

#### POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS OFFICES IN CUTTACK

\*2335. **Shri K. C. Jena :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the offices of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct buildings for Posts and Telegraphs offices in the new capital of Orissa ;

(c) if so, whether land has been acquired ; and

(d) the latest date by which the offices of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs will be completely shifted from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar ?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram) :** (a) to (d). The proposals under examination are only for opening new operative offices, *i.e.*, Post and Telegraph Offices at Bhubaneswar, by constructing new buildings for the purpose. The question of obtaining land has been taken up with the State Government.

**Shri K. C. Jena :** May I know whether the Government is aware that for want of accommodation, different sections of the D. P. T. office at Cuttack are held in quite distant places from one another, on account of which the public concerned undergo a lot of trouble to get a piece of work done ?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram :** There is difficulty of accommodation. After some of the offices of the State Government go to Bhubaneswar, we think that more accommodation might be available to us.

**Shri K. C. Jena :** May I know whether it is a fact that to trace out a file, sometimes it becomes very difficult as they cannot properly be arranged due to want of space, and if so, the steps Government propose to take ?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram :** I could not follow the question.

**Shri K. C. Jena :** May I know whether it is a fact that most of the employees of the D. P. T. office at Cuttack have not been provided with Government quarters on account of which most of the employees belonging to the depressed classes suffer most as it becomes extremely difficult on their part to get private rented houses in the Cuttack town as most of the said house owners observe a rigid form of untouchability ?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram :** I have said that the accommodation position is difficult there. We hope that if more offices of the State Government go to Bhubaneswar, we hope to get more accommodation both for the offices and the staff.

**श्री राधे लाल व्यास :** मध्य भारत क एक दैनिक हिंदी पत्र म यह समाचार निकला है कि डायरेक्टर जनरल आफ पोस्ट्स एंड टेलिग्राफ्स के दफ्तर ग्वालियार में लाय जा रह हैं : क्या में जान सकता हू कि वह समाचार कहां तक सही ह ? अगर वह सही नहीं हैं, तो क्या यह उचित न होगा कि चूंकि ग्वालियार में काफी बिल्डिंग हैं, इस लिय व आफिस वहां ही ले जाये और नई बिल्डिंग बनाने की आवश्यकता न हो ?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram :** How does it arise ? The question is about Cuttack. My hon. friend is asking about Madhya Bharat.

#### RAJKUMARI SPORTS COACHING SCHEME

\*2336. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1430 on the Rajkumari Sports Coaching Scheme on the 24th April, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the expenditure incurred so far on the scheme has been audited so far ;

(b) if so, by whom ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether a copy of the audit report will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha ?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) :** (a) Yes.

(b) The expenditure was audited by Shri Z. R. Irani, a registered Accountant.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Three statements of audited accounts for the years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 are laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XIV, annexure No. 3]

**Shri Kamath :** Is it a fact that the auditor whose statements are laid on the Table is a member of the Coaching Committee itself and if so, does the Government propose to continue this particular audit arrangement by a person who is a member of the Coaching Committee, who is obviously an interested party ?

**Shrimati Chadrasekhar :** The person who audited is only a honorary treasurer. He does not get any remuneration from the committee. He is a member of the committee. Because of his qualifications, it was considered that if he audited, it would be all right. So it was audited by him.

**Mr. Speaker :** For how long he has been doing that ?

**Shrimati Chadrasekhar :** For three years.

**Shrimati A. Kale :** Could the Government not find an independent auditor to audit the accounts ?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** We shall consider that.

**सरदार ए० एस० सहगल :** क्या यह वाजिब नहीं होगा कि जो मेम्बर हैं उन से आडिट न कराया जाय, चाहे वह आनरेरी हों या किसी और तरह से हों ?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** I think I have replied to this.

**Shri Kamath :** From the statement I find several names are listed. May I know why no amount during all these three years or more has been spent for coaching in popular Indian games such as kabaddi and wrestling ?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar :** I require notice for that.

**Shri Kamath :** The audit statement for this year shows an item Squash and an amount of Rs. 1,500 against it. Is it a fact that the purpose for which