

FAMILY PLANNING

*785. **Shri Telikar**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the progress made so far in the field of "Family Planning" in India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): 136 Family Planning Clinics have been started at various places in India for educating the people on the importance and methods of family planning. A sum of Rs. 20,27,630 has, so far been sanctioned as Grants-in-aid to State Governments, Local Bodies and Voluntary Organisations for running these centres for research work etc., during the First Five Year Plan period.

CASUAL LEAVE FOR P & T STAFF

*786. { **Dr. Rama Rao** :
Shri Punnoose :

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the yearly casual leave of 20 days was granted to the Post and Telegraph staff till 1951 ; and

(b) if so, the reason why it was reduced from 20 days to 15 days with effect from 1951?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes, prior to 1951 all Central Government employees were granted casual leave of up to 20 days in a year.

(b) In accordance with the general decision of Government that fifteen days casual leave is sufficient for all Central Government Servants.

GROW MORE FODDER CAMPAIGN

*788. **Dr. Ram subhag Singh**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the nature of the grow more fodder campaign recently initiated by the Central Council of Gosamvardhana ; and

(b) the estimated expenditure involved in the campaign ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The campaign consisted mainly of :

(i) wide distribution of a poster entitled "Leguminous fodder for more milk and soil fertility" ;

(ii) publication of a special number of the Gosamvardhana Journal entitled "Feed and Fodder" ; and

(iii) organisation of meetings to stress the importance of fodder production at the time of the Gosamvardhana week celebrated in November 1955.

(b) The campaign formed part of the Gosamvardhana Week and no separate account of the expenditure on this campaign has been kept.

SUGARCANE

*796. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha** :
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the estimated surplus of cane which is required to be diverted from Gur area to the factory during this year?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Information is not available.

RAILWAY HOSPITALS

441. **Chaudhuri Muhammed Shafee**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway Hospitals opened in India in 1955 Zone-wise ;

(b) the total amount spent thereon ; and

(c) the number to be opened in 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) One on the South Eastern Railway.

(b) Rs. 22,971.

(c) Northern Railway	: 1
North Eastern Railway	: 2
South Eastern Railway	: 1
Southern Railway	: 2
Total.	6