

Shri Ramachandra Reddi : May I know whether *ex-Government* railway servants have made further representations to the Government and whether those representations have been disposed of and, if so, in what way?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri) : Certain representations were made some time back. But since we have taken the final decision, we have not received any representation.

Family Planning

*1544. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) the progress and programme evolved by Family Planning Grants Committee;

(b) the new centres proposed to be opened for family planning, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken and proposed to be taken to train medical men and others in this branch;

(d) the steps or schemes for manufacturing contraceptives; and

(e) the impressions of her recent tour to U.S.A. and Japan with particular reference to the tackling of the population problem?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IX, Annexure No. 25].

(b) It is proposed to open 2000 family Planning Centres in rural areas and 500 in urban areas during the Second Five-Year Plan. The State-wise distribution of these Centres has not yet been decided.

(c) The setting-up of an All India Training Centre for imparting training to social workers, doctors, health visitors and nurses etc. has been approved. Necessary steps are being taken to establish this Centre at Bombay at an early date. As an interim measure, short term courses are being arranged in different places under a special officer appointed for this purpose. A 3-week training course was arranged at Delhi from 6-7-1956 where 32 candidates were given training.

(d) No scheme for the manufacture of mechanical contraceptives is under the consideration of the Government of India.

(e) There is no population problem in the U.S.A.

In Japan it is acute and the Government of that country are tackling it in various ways.

Shri Gidwani : After the Health Minister's return from Tokyo it was stated that Japan was making very encouraging progress

with the family planning movement and their schemes were successful. May I know what the position is?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) : I was able to visit some of the centres in particular in the rural areas. They have been carrying on this work for the last eight years and they certainly have achieved success inasmuch as they have made the people family-planning conscious and no one wants to have more than three children at the most. Those were the answers given to me. They have been planning in various ways and they have legalised abortion. That is the first step they took. They are now regretting that step and are resorting to mechanical and chemical contraceptives and health education including the rhythm method as well as cheap chemical contraceptives.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether any wing for the evaluation of contraceptives has been set up in the Indian Research Centre and some researches have been initiated and if so, what is the result?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur : It is too early to give any results. But what they have put up is now being tested.

Shri Bansal : May I know whether like Japan which has provided facilities in some of their clinics for voluntary sterilisation of those persons who want to get themselves sterilised, the Government of India are also making that as a part of their family planning scheme?

Mr. Speaker : Are we going into the details of the methods, mechanical or chemical or just sterilisation? I do not know where we will end if we do that. I request the hon. Minister to issue a small pamphlet for the benefit of the Members of Parliament. I agree that it is an important matter. But so far as any technical subject is concerned all that we can ask is whether sufficient provision is made. When we discuss about hospital do we go into whether this mixture is there or that mixture is there? We do not go into further details. Under these circumstances, we need not go into whether it is mechanical, chemical or sterilisation. I will proceed to the next question.

Shri Raghavaiah : On a point of information.....

Mr. Speaker : No more supplementaries.

Shri Chattopadhyaya : The last question is only a misconception of the question.....

Shri Bansal : It is a question of great importance.

Mr. Speaker : The policy has already been decided and implemented and that is why they are going to open these thousand and odd centres here for the purpose of giving relief to those who need it.

Kandla Port

*1545. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plans for constructing two more berths at Kandla Port have been submitted to the Government of India; and

(b) if so, whether Government have sanctioned the Scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Shri Gidwani : When will the matter be decided?

Shri Alagesan : It would be decided soon.

Shri Gidwani : Are the Government aware that the block-piling machine will remain idle and will be dismantled which will result in loss to the Government?

Shri Alagesan : That is one of the considerations why they want to undertake the construction of two berths now. The present contractors have the necessary machinery for the work. If they are dismantled and taken away, the cost of that operation is bound to go up.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know if these berths will be functioning for ocean-going steamers?

Shri Alagesan : Yes.

Shri Velayudhan : May I know whether this port was given top priority by the Government with a view to have a single great port for Maha Gujerat?

Shri Alagesan : I could not follow.

Shri Velayudhan : I want an answer.

Mr. Speaker : But, I must understand the question.

Shri Velayudhan : I want to know whether the progress made by this Kandla port is not very slow. It was earlier given top priority with a view to have a big port for Maha Gujerat as mentioned by the late Sardar Patel.

Mr. Speaker : What is the question?

Shri Velayudhan : The progress is slow.

Shri Alagesan : The question of Maha Gujerat does not come in.

Mr. Speaker : It has been unnecessarily linked with that. The hon. Member wants to know whether the speed has been slackened.

Shri Alagesan : The work has been progressing very satisfactorily. Two of the four berths are likely to be opened in October.

Shri Bhagwat Zha Azad : If the scheme as sanctioned is finalised, what would be the financial implication?

Shri Alagesan : There is an abstract estimate of Rs. 330 lakhs. That is under consideration.

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*१५५२. **श्री अमर सिंह डालर :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेलवे मंत्री को जब वह बांसवाड़ा-रतलाम लाइन की सर्वे का उद्घाटन करने गये थे तो वहाँ के स्थानीय लोगों द्वारा कोई शोषण पेश किया गया था; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार बामन्या स्टेशन की, इस के महत्व को विशेष रूप से देखते हुए, मांगों को पूरा करना चाहती है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) तथा (ख). जी हाँ, रेल का इस्तेमाल करने वालों के लिये बामन्या स्टेशन पर सुविधायें देने के सम्बन्ध में कुछ मांगें रखी गई थीं। जहाँ तक हो सकेगा इन्हें पूरा किया जायेगा।

श्री अमर सिंह डालर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उन मांगों में से एक मांग वहाँ पर एक बेटिंग रूम बनाने की भी थी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : उन मांगों में तो बेटिंग रूम की मांग शामिल नहीं थी, लेकिन अब आप करना चाहें तो आप को इजाजत है।