

Social Security Scheme for Seamen

*365. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 648 on the 2nd August, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the views of the ship-owners and seafarers on the draft Social Security Scheme for Seamen have since been received;

(b) whether Government have examined the same; and

(c) when the scheme will be put into effect?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**) : (a) and (b). Not yet. A Special Sub-Committee of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers composed, *inter alia* of the representatives of Shipowners/Seafarers, has been set up to examine in detail the question of a Social Security Scheme for Seamen. The report of this Sub-Committee is awaited.

(c) It is not possible at the moment to say when the scheme is likely to be put into effect.

Inland Water Transport

*366. { **Shri Gidwani** :
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :
Shri Jhulan Sinha :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission has drawn up any plan for developing inland waterways in the country and submitted it to the Government with a view to provide cheap transport; and

(b) whether Government propose to appoint any Committee to go into the question of development of inland waterways in the country and consider that plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

District Boards in Kerala

*367. { **Shri V. P. Nayar** :
Shri Punnose :

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to set up District Boards similar to the Malabar District Board in other Districts of Kerala State?

The Minister of Health (**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur**) : The setting up of District Boards is the concern of State Governments.

Lallaguda Railway Workshop

*368. **Shri K. S. Rao** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) when the proposal for expansion of Railway workshop at Lallaguda is likely to be completed; and

(b) what are the main features of the expansion scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**) : (a) The expansion of the workshop is likely to be completed by the end of the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) (i) Extension to Machine Shop and additional machinery.

(ii) Extension of erecting shop.

(iii) Providing cover over carriage repair lines.

(iv) Providing additional accommodation for stores.

Dental Surgeons

*369. **Shri R. P. Garg** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) the ratio of Dental Surgeons to the population in the country;

(b) whether the number is enough to cater to the needs of the population;

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to train sufficient number of Dental Surgeons as the need may be; and

(d) whether it is proposed to set up any Dental College in Patiala?

The Minister of Health (**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur**) : (a) It is estimated that the ratio is 1: 60,000.

(b) No.

(c) A provision of Rs. 1.5 crores has been made in the Second Five Year Plan of the Central Health Ministry and a sum of Rs. 52.99 lakhs has been provided in the State Plans for the purpose of establishing new Dental Colleges and for increasing the number of admissions to the existing Dental Colleges. It is also proposed to upgrade the existing Departments in Dental Colleges for training future teachers of Dental Colleges.