

language are not necessary for recruitment; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking in the matter?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) No, Sir. For the present, candidates for recruitment to the Clerical cadre will be examined in the following subjects before appointment:

(i) English; (ii) Arithmetic; and (iii) General Knowledge (including Geography and Every day Science). At the initial recruitment stage, no test in any Indian language will be held, but the successful candidates who may not be conversant with the language of the recruitment area will be examined in the language after recruitment. The question regarding the scope of the General Knowledge paper and about the stage at which the language test should be held is, however, under further consideration.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

#### **Panchayat Raj**

**1175. Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) what conclusions were reached and recommendations made by the Seminar on public administration in Panchayati Raj held at Mussoorie early in April, 1962;

(b) whether these have been considered by Government; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) to (c). The Seminar acted as the forum for an exchange of views on the various aspects of public administration in Panchayati Raj. There was a general consensus of opinion on a number of issues. The discussions and the points that emerged will no doubt be taken

into account while formulating policies. A Statement containing a summary of the main points of view that emerged during the Seminar is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 27].

#### **Willingdon Hospital Staff, New Delhi**

**1176. Shrimati Jayaben Shah:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the previous service of the N.D.M.C. staff of the Willingdon Hospital after centralisation is not being counted towards their pension benefit; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Yes.

(b) As the staff of the New Delhi Municipal Committee was employed under a local fund, not administered by the Government, the Government decided that the service rendered by the staff under the New Delhi Municipal Committee could not be treated as Government service.

#### **Smallpox Vaccination**

**1177. Shri Jedhe:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) the working of the pilot scheme for vaccination of Smallpox; and

(b) the States and the areas covered under this Scheme upto now?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) and (b): Pilot Projects for Eradication of Smallpox were started in one district area of each State and the Union Territories of Delhi and Himachal Pradesh as part of the preparatory measures needed for the implementation of the National Smallpox Eradication programme during the Third Five Year Plan Period. The districts/areas covered by these projects are given below:—

**State/Union Territory      District/Area**

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh | West Godarri |
| 2. Assam          | Kamrup       |