

**2. Rajasthan:**

Alwar, Churu, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jhunjhunu, Nagaur, Sikar, Barmer, Jalore, Bharatpur and Sirohi districts.

**3. Uttar Pradesh:**

Aligarh, Bulandshahr, Budaun, Bijnor, Bahraich, Etah, Hardoi, Farrukhabad, Mainpuri, Meerut, Moradabad, Mathura, Shahjahanpur, Mazaffarnagar and Sitapur districts.

**4. Bihar:**

Arrah and Monghyr districts.

5. Union Territories of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Tripura.

(b) The assessment of losses caused to crops has not so far been made by the affected States. In the Union Territories of Delhi and Himachal Pradesh, however, the loss has been estimated at Rs. 3 lakhs and Rs. 3 thousand respectively.

(c) Locust invasions in India are the result of locust breeding and ineffective or inadequate locust control elsewhere. Locusts, therefore, cannot be prevented from coming into India and all that can be done is to keep them well under control in the whole belt of infestation, so as to prevent swarm formation. For that purpose the Central Government is maintaining a well equipped permanent locust control organisation in the desert area of Rajasthan, Gujrat and the Punjab. This organisation is adequately strengthened during locust plague period for undertaking ground and aerial anti-locust operations.

**Small Pox in Madhya Pradesh**

37. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small pox raging in some 12 districts of the Madhya Pradesh has claimed about 180 lives so far;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check its incidents?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) From the beginning of this year upto the middle of March, 1962.

228 deaths have been reported from small pox in 20 districts of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Appropriate measures for the control of small are taken by the State health authorities. The Government of India have not received any request for Central assistance in this connection.

**Shifting of Mahendru Ghat Station**

38. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 103 on the 16th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any decision to shift Mahendru Ghat station has since been taken; and

(b) if so, when it will be implemented?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry, of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahendru Ghat station has been shifted to the new site in the compound of ex-Superintending Engineer's (South Bihar Circle) bungalow which is situated about a thousand feet upstream of the old Ghat.

**Publication of Railway Employment Notices in Oriya Newspapers**

39. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether publication of Railway employment notices has been discontinued in Oriya newspapers;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Education of Oriya Employees Children on South Eastern Railway.**

40. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: