

of BW 33-T-55 which was discovered by some British medical research scientists and which is claimed to be far more effective in controlling smallpox than vaccination, has been tried in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the extent of this drug's success and whether there is any proposal to manufacture it in India?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) It is a fact that trials have been conducted in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Madras with a new anti-smallpox drug which goes under the code name of Burroughs Wellcome Compound 33-T-57 (not 33-T-55) by scientists of the Burroughs Wellcome in collaboration with other scientists under the auspices of the World Health Organisation. It is, however, not a fact that this drug is claimed to be more effective than vaccination in controlling smallpox or that it will replace vaccination.

(b) The drug has been found to be successful in contacts of cases of smallpox. Among 1101 contacts treated with this drug, there were only 3 cases of smallpox whereas among 1126 contacts not treated with the drug, there were 78 cases with 12 deaths.

There is no proposal so far to manufacture this drug in India, as it is still in the stage of clinical trials.

#### Constitution House, New Delhi

**280. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the annual maintenance costs of Constitution House since 1-4-1957;

(b) the annual income from the same during the said period; and

(c) the average number of rooms occupied every month during this period?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) to (c). The collection

of information would involve considerable time and labour, which, it is considered, would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

#### Bank of China

**281. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 100 on the 17th August 1963 and state:

(a) whether the proceedings in connection with the liquidation of the Bank of China have been concluded; and

(b) if so, the findings and results of the investigation into the books and records of the bank?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). The liquidation of the bank is still in progress. The special investigation of the books of the bank by the officer deputed by the Central Intelligence Department has not been completed. An officer of the Reserve Bank has, however, been deputed to assist this special investigating officer and efforts are being made to expedite the investigation.

#### Committee on Housing

**282. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri B. P. Yadava:  
Shri Dhaon:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to appoint a high level Committee to co-ordinate and bring under one authority the work relating to housing in Delhi;

(b) if so, when the Committee is likely to be set up; and

(c) the terms of reference of the Committee?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) to (c). A Committee of 5 Secretaries to Government and the Chief Commissioner, Delhi has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary to examine the arrangements that exist at present for dealing with matters relating to Housing in Delhi and to suggest ways to improve them. The Committee has already started functioning.

### Leprosy Patients

283. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri B. P. Yadava:  
Shri Dhaon:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for establishing a reconstruction surgery unit for deformed hands of the leprosy patients;

(b) if so, when and where this project will be established; and

(c) the amount to be spent on this project?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) and (b). A number of reconstructive surgery units are working in the country with Government help. A new unit is just being set up at Madhupur by Santhal Paharia Seva Mandal which is receiving assistance from Government of India. More units will be established in due course at suitable places.

A constructive surgery unit for leprosy patients is functioning at the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute, Chingleput, and a number of hospitals in Madras, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Mysore, West Bengal, Kerala, Assam

and Uttar Pradesh, are also doing reconstructive surgery.

(c) The amount spent on the reconstructive surgery unit at the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute, Chingleput, is Rs. 2.5 lakhs. Assistance given to voluntary agencies for leprosy work is Rs. 18.59 lakhs during the last 3 years.

### Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicines

286. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions which have been regularly paid grant-in-aid by Central Government for research and development of the Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicines in the country during 1961-62 and 1962-63;

(b) the total amount paid so far; and

(c) the net result of these researches?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) to (c). Two statements are laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library, See No. LT-1876/63*].

### Ayurvedic System of Medicine

288. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to introduce Ayurvedic system of Medicine or integrated course of medicine in the Universities in the country to meet the emergency and to meet in a greater measure the medical needs in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.