

pumpa and command other irrigation facilities.

POST OFFICE IN PERINAD

671. { Shri N. Sreekanth Nair:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any idea to change the Post Office from the present site in Perinad (near Qullon), Travancore-Cochin;

(b) if so, why; and

(c) whether the Department has acquired a site for putting up the Post Office Building and if so, why is it that no building has been put up?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Due to insufficiency of accommodation available in the present building.

(c) A site belonging to the ex-arch department has been transferred to the Department. No construction has been taken up because in the building programme, priority has been given to the rehabilitation of existing buildings in Travancore-Cochin over new construction.

VISAKHAPATNAM HARBOUR (ACCIDENT)

672. { Shri N. Sreekanth Nair:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an accident in Visakhapatnam Harbour recently resulting in the death of a passenger in S.S. "Rajula";

(b) if so, what were the reasons for the same; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to compensate the dependents of the deceased?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesa): (a) and (b). No. The S. S. "Rajula" does not visit the Visakhapatnam Port. At the port of Nagapatnam, however, a fatal accident took place on the 26th October, 1952, resulting in the death of an unberthed passenger on board this ship while she was loading cargo. It is reported that the passenger bound from Madras to Singapore, disregarding the hatch-coaming guards put his head under the guard chain of

No. 1 hatch to look down the hatch just as a sling of cargo was being lowered and his head was trapped between the hatch-coaming and the sling of cargo. As a result, he sustained serious injuries on the head as a result of which he subsequently died although medical assistance was immediately rendered by the ship's Surgeon.

(c) As the S. S. "Rajula" is not owned or chartered by the Government of India, the question of their paying any compensation to the dependents of the deceased does not arise.

FAMILY PLANNING

673. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far by the Government of India on the experiments carried out for the rhythmic method of family planning; and

(b) the date on which these experiments were started?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Rs. 41,543/1/- upto the end of October, 1952.

(b) The undermentioned Family Planning Centres were started on the dates shown against them:—

(i) Lodi Colony Centre, New Delhi, July, 1952.

(ii) Lady Hardinge Medical College Centre, New Delhi, July, 1952.

(iii) Romanagaram Centre (near Bangalore), May, 1952.

HEALTH MINISTER'S CHARITY FUND

674. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Health Minister's name is given in the advertisement of Health Seals Campaign;

(b) the amount of funds so far collected and credited to the Health Minister's Charity Fund; and

(c) the actual amount spent so far on each item separately?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The Appeal is sponsored by the Health Minister.

(b)

Collected	Credited
From Health Seals Campaign :	
Rs	Rs.
1,87,290-1-11	61,087-7-0

NOTE:—Most of the sales of Health Seals are through Post Offices and there is a time lag between collection by Postal authorities and ultimate transfer to the Charity Fund.

From other sources:

Rs 4,79,323-4-1 Rs. 4,79,323-4-1

Total up to 30th November 1952 :

Rs. 6,66,613-6-0 Rs. 5,40,410-11-1

(c) (i) Establishment of construction of Medical and health Institutions. Rs. 76,457-6-0

(ii) Aid to existing Medical and Health Institutions.....Rs. 68,178-8-0

(iii) Promotion of Social Welfare and Relief of Distress.....Rs. 43,092-6-0

Total up to 30th November, 1952

Rs. 1,87,728-4-0

INTERNATIONAL B.C.G. CONFERENCE

675. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent by the Government of India on the delegates sent to attend the International B.C.G. Conference at Rangoon in the year 1951; and

(b) the names of the delegates who attended the Conference?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The Government of India incurred an expenditure of Rs. 230/- on account of per diem allowance of their representatives deputed to attend the B.C.G. Conference held in Rangoon in September, 1951, under the auspices of the World Health Organisation and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, who met all travel costs.

(b) The following Indian delegates attended the said Conference:

(1) Dr. P. V. Benjamin, T.B. Adviser in the Directorate General of Health Services.

(2) Dr. K. S. Ranganathan, Director, B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory, Gulndy.

(3) Dr. C. M. S. Siddhu, B. C. G. Officer, Uttar Pradesh.

(4) Dr. N. L. Bordia, Chief B.C.G. Officer, Madhya Bharat.

(5) Dr. Kulbushan, B.C.G. Officer, Punjab.

The first two officers represented the Government of India, while the rest represented their respective State Governments.

HELICOPTERS

676. Shri Bhakta Darshan: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have requested the Government of U.S.A. to sell two Helicopters to this country;

(b) if so, whether these helicopters have arrived in India; and

(c) how they are being or are proposed to be utilised?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a), (b) and (c). Attention is invited to the reply given by me to Shri Radha Raman's Starred Question No. 611 on the 24th November, 1952.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY (NEW WORKS)

677. Shri Ramachandra Reddi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the new works Nos. 96 and 97 (Gudur and Nellore) of Southern Railway provided for in the Railway Budget of 1952-53 will be taken up for execution?

(b) Is it expected to spend the amount provided during 1952-53?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagappa): (a) The work of Remodelling Nellore has been sanctioned and tenders for the work are being invited. The work will be commenced shortly. The work of Remodelling Gudur is held up because of the proposal to convert the Renigunta-Gudur Section from Metre to Broad Gauge which may result in some modifications in the original scheme. This item is likely to be commenced next year.

(b) For the reasons given above it is not likely that the amount provided during 1952-53 will be spent.

COAL

678. Shri M. Islamuddin: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of the coal consumed annually by Indian