

(c) the total expenses incurred by Government on salaries of Railway staff etc., during the period from the posting of railway staff and the actual starting of the train service; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in starting this train service?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) A statement containing the required information is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 41.]

(b) 10th June 1953.

(c) Rs. 4448-9-0.

(d) The delay in opening the section was due to putting right certain items brought to light by Government Inspector of Railways after his inspection of the line on 6-4-1953.

#### HEALTH SCHEMES

**44. Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to lay on the Table of the House, reports regarding the progress of implementation of the following schemes of the Ministry—

- (i) Central Health Education Bureau;
- (ii) Child Care Training Centre;
- (iii) Central Leprosy and Research Institute;
- (iv) Manufacture of BCG vaccines in India;
- (v) Central Food Laboratory;
- (vi) Construction, equipment and maintenance of T.B. Hospital at Mehroli and its headquarters; and
- (vii) T.B. Hospital in Bhopal?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** A brief statement explaining the present position in respect of each scheme is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 42]

#### TOURIST TRAFFIC

**45. Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total estimated income by overseas tourist traffic in 1952?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The financial advantage accruing to the Government from overseas tourist traffic is to be measured in terms of the foreign exchange which is equivalent to the amount of foreign tourist spendings in this country. This amount for the year 1952 was Rs. 2.5 crores approximately.

#### RAILWAY ZONAL TICKETS

**46. Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the zonal *shatabdi* tickets that were issued from period to period for each zone; and

(b) the total amount that was realised by the sale of these tickets in each zone?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). The number of the *Shatabdi* tickets sold during the periods 1st to 16th April, 1953 and 1st to 16th May, 1953 over each zonal railway and the earnings derived therefrom are given below:—

Railways	No. of Shatabdi tickets taking 2 child tickets as one		Earnings.	
	1st to 16th April, 1953	1st to 16th May, 1953	1st to 16th April, 1953	1st to 16th May, 1953
			Rs.	Rs.
Central	75,191½	50,891½	22,55,745	15,26,745
Eastern	7,927½	5,649½	2,37,825	1,69,485
Northern	6,429½	4,720	1,92,885	1,41,600
North-Eastern	1,559½	1,030	46,785	30,900
Southern	20,037	16,123½	6,01,110	4,83,705
Western	17,829	15,998	5,34,870	4,79,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,28,974</b>	<b>94,412½</b>	<b>38,69,220</b>	<b>28,32,375</b>