

Control Programme which was launched on the 1st April, 1953?

(b) Do Government propose to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing (i) the amount of assistance given by the Centre to each State, (ii) each State's contribution towards the implementation of this programme, (iii) the nature and amount of work done so far, and (iv) the measure of success achieved in each State?

(c) Have the Central Government appointed or created any agency in each State (i) to supervise the work done, (ii) to check the amount spent, (iii) to see that the results achieved are commensurate with the amount spent, and (iv) to suggest remedial action in unsatisfactory cases?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b): (iii) and (iv). Ninety Malaria Control Units are being formed in the various States during the current year, each designed to protect approximately one million people living in malarious areas. The staff for the Units in all the States, except a few, are in position. The required quantity of D.D.T. has been supplied to most of the States. The supply of spraying equipment and vehicles for seventy-five units is expected to be completed by the end of this month. The States have been requested to start spraying operations in the areas already under control using D.D.T. provided by the Centre, and vehicles and spraying equipment available with the States without waiting for the supply of transport and equipment by the Centre. The operations will be extended to new areas when further transport and equipment become available. Spraying operations have already been started in some of the States. The results of the operations in most of the States will be available at the end of the malarious season i.e. in the month of November.

(b) (i) and (ii). Three statements giving the necessary information are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 12.]

(c) (i) to (iv). No, but the staff of the Malaria Institute of India is being expanded in order to enable it to co-ordinate and supervise the work in various States.

RATIONALISATION OF POSTAL RATES

***299. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the reaction of Government to the demand made at the Annual Conference of postal workers held at Shillong in the second week of April 1953, for the rationalisation of postal rates as a commercial proposition?

(b) Have Government received any representations in respect of enhanced postal rates?

(c) If so, what steps do Government propose to take in the near or remote future to bring these rates to the level of popular demands?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Government is not aware of any such demand made by the Union in the conference referred to.

(b) Yes.

(c) In view of the fact that the Postal Branch of the Department is running at a loss the Government does not consider it feasible to reduce the rates. Even with these rates there is a loss on each article that is handled except letters and letter cards. Besides, the scheme for expansion of postal facilities would receive a set-back.

RAILWAY COACHES

***302. Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a set of Swiss-made passenger coaches have arrived in India recently;

(b) the number of coaches that have so far been ordered by the Government of India; and

(c) the mode of their distribution among the different Railways in India?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) 152.

(c) These are distributed to Railways to run in full rakes as far as possible for important train services over more than one Railway system.

TELEPHONE EXPERTS

***303. Shri Buchhkotaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state for how long the two experts manning the departments for the manufacture of dials and condensers in the Telephone Industries at Bangalore on contract basis are working?

(b) Are any instructions being given to Indian experts to manage these departments?

(c) What amount of money is being spent on these two experts?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The expert for the manufacture of dials has been obtained on a year's contract from 5th May, 1953. No expert has been obtained for the manufacture of condensers.

(b) Yes; an Indian Assistant Engineer has been placed as an understudy to the Expert.

(c) The expert for dial manufacture is on an annual salary of £1560 plus class 'D' passage from United Kingdom to India and back. A kit allowance of Rs. 750 was also paid to him on arrival.

बिन्ध्य-प्रवेश में नया रेल-पथ

***३०४. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी :**
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हुरपाल पुर स्टेशन को छतरपुर, पन्ना तथा सतना से जोड़ने वाला रेल-पथ

बनाने के लिये कोई भूमि परिमाण हुआ था ; तथा

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह परिमाण कब हुआ था और उसे पूरा करने का क्या विचार किया गया है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A Survey for a line from Harpalpur to Katni via Chattarpur was carried out in 1935, but as this project was not approved by the Central Board of Transport it was dropped.

डाक के टिकट

***३०५. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी :**
क्या संचार मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्वालियर, त्रिवांकुर-कोचीन तथा हैदराबाद के टिकटों का चलना क्रमशः कब से बन्द हो गया है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्र के कोष में उपरोक्त राज्यों के टिकट बाकी हैं ; तथा

(ग) यदि हां तो उनका मूल्यांकन क्या है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The postage stamps of the ex-Hyderabad State were withdrawn from 1st April, 1950 and those of Gwalior and Travancore-Cochin from 1st January, 1951 and 1st July, 1951 respectively.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 13.]

तार तथा टेलिफोन की सुविधाएं

***३०६. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी :**
(क) क्या संचार मंत्री यह बतलाने की