

way has been held and the proceedings are in the process of finalisation.

B. C. G. VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

225. Shri Eswara Reddy: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether reports have been received from all the States regarding the B.C.G. Vaccination Campaign?

(b) If so, how many people, State-wise, have received the benefits of these vaccinations?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes. B.C.G. Statistical Reports are received every month from the States.

(b) A statement showing the number of persons tuberculin tested and B.C.G. vaccinated Statewise up to the end of May, 1953, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 48.]

REGIONAL TOURIST OFFICES

226. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Tourist Offices of the Government of India, up-to-date;

(b) how many of these are in the Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh and where they are located; and

(c) what literature pertaining to these States for the use of tourists has been published?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Government of India have so far opened four Regional Tourist Offices at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. In addition, three small Tourist Information Offices have been opened at Agra, Srinagar and New York. A Tourist Information Office is proposed to be opened at Banaras shortly.

(b) No Tourist Office has been opened in the States of Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh. At Simla and

Kulu, Tourist Bureaus have been opened by the State Governments concerned in order to give information and render necessary assistance to the tourists in the preparation of itineraries and arrangements for their accommodation etc. The Governments of the Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have also set up Advisory Committees to advise them on all matters relating to tourist traffic.

(c) A statement giving the information required is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 49.]

SOIL FERTILITY

227. Shri Heda: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what laboratory equipment the Government of India possesses for determining the soil fertility?

(b) How much of this has been obtained from the Government of the United States of America?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A list is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 50.]

(b) None so far.

CENTRES FOR TRAINING IN JAPANESE METHOD OF RICE CULTIVATION

228. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training centre has been opened in the Punjab for giving training to the rice cultivators to plant rice according to the Japanese method; and

(b) if so, the names of the places where such centres are opened?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). No such training centre has been opened. A number of Demonstration Farms have, however, been established in each of the eight rice growing districts of the Punjab (Kangra, Karnal, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Ferozepur, Ambala, Hoshiapur and Hissar) for giving necessary training and guidance to cultivators.