travel which were detected up to about the 1st week of February, 54 is nearly 36,000.

(b) The actual expenditure incurred is not known as returns have not yet been received, but a total expenditure of about 45 lakhs of rupees has been provided for in the Revised Estimate for works for Kumbh Mela.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** May I know how many ticketless travellers were convicted and what amount, if any, was realised by way of fines?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We have not got full details yet.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** May I know what were the permanent constructions as mentioned in part (b) of the question?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The Kumbh Mela is supposed to last till the 15th March. It is not over yet. When the Mela is over, we will get full details.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** The question is only regarding permanent constructions that have been put up so far. It has got nothing to do with the ending of the Kumbh Mela.

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** The permanent constructions are: some platforms have been raised and improved, sheds have been put up in several platforms, circulating areas have been made and there are certain other constructions, which will be maintained for other Kumbh Melas in the coming years.

"अपने खरीदारो को जानो" सप्ताह

*२३०. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या संच-रण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) "अपने खरीदारों को जानो" सप्ताह में कितने नागरिकों ने नई दिल्ली, कलकत्ता, मद्रास तथा बम्बई के "जनरल

पोस्ट ग्राफिस" में जा कर डाक व तार विभाग के कार्यों को देखा; तथा

(ख) कितने दर्शकों ने लिखित में सुझाव दिये या शिकायतें कीं ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) New Delhi Post Office, No account was kept. Calcutta G.P.O. 500. Madras G.P.O. 266, and Bombay G.P.O. 394.

(b) New Delhi P.O. Nil, Calcutta G.P.O. 4 (Oral), Madras G.P.O. Nil, Bombay G.P.O. 5 (Oral) 4 (Written)

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इस सग्रह के मनाने का ग्रसर क्या हुग्रा ?

संचरण मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : ग्रसर तो ग्राप को ज्ञादा मालूम होगा ।

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The figures given here pertain to those who visited certain important post offices specified in the statement. They do not give the total number of people who visited the telephone exchanges, or telegraph offices. The results achieved were really very good because it brought the people whom the department serves and the departmental officials together and enabled them to know each other's difficulties.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : ग्राप ने इस का इतना तो प्रचार किया फिर भी, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि इतने थोड़े लोग क्यों ग्राये ।

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not think we need enter into any arguments on that.

श्री राज बहादुर : बहुत काफी लोग गये थे । ग्रीर ग्राप ने तो सिर्फ दो, तीन डाक-खानों के फिगर्स मांगे थे, वह दिये गये ।

MALARIA

*231. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the measures that the Government of India have taken so far to

fight malaria in the malaria ridden areas of Assam, Manipur and Tripura; and

(b) the progress made so far in this direction?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) Malaria Control units have been allotted to these States under the National Malaria Control Programme. Five standard units have been allotted to Assam and one small unit each, to the States of Manipur and Tripura.

(b) In Assam, the units are in the process of formation, in Manipur the unit has just started functioning and in Tripura it started functioning in July 1953 and has given protection to an area with a population of 1·37 lakhs.

**Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** May I know what is the target year by which malaria in these areas can be expected to be completely removed?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** These malaria units will be there in the States till 1956. Then, the work will be continued by the State Governments.

**Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** My question is, what is the target year by which malaria can be expected to be completely removed in these areas.

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** The purpose of this anti-malaria programme cannot be to eradicate it altogether. The question is of reducing it to such an extent that it can be kept under control and in the first Five Year Plan, we want to cover 125 millions of the population.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know the total amount spent in the three States in this connection?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I am afraid I have not the figures here.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know the total area in terms of the population that could be covered by these units?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** In these particular States?

**Shri Muniswamy:** Yes.

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** In Assam, for example, in order to protect the whole of the population, we shall have to have nine standard units. I have not got actually the Assam figures at the moment but we have five units covering a population of 90 lakhs. In Manipur, the population at risk is six lakhs. In Tripura also, the population at risk is six lakhs.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### RAILWAY PORTERS

*196. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of wages per head-load of luggage that the porters on the Southern Railway station platforms are permitted to charge at the moment;

(b) whether any orders were recently issued by the Railway authorities reducing these charges; and

(c) the basis on which these orders were issued?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) The rate is annas 4 at Madras Central, Madras Egmore, Trichinopoly, Bezwada, Mysore, Bangalore City, Madura, Coimbatore, Ootacamund and Coonoor, and annas 2 at all other stations.

(b) and (c). No such orders have been issued recently. But the rates were revised from 1st January 1952 after the formation of the Southern Railway with a view to standardizing them over the entire railway. The revision was effected in consultation with the then Local Advisory Committee.

### MEDICAL COLLEGE AT DELHI

*205. **Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 656 on the 10th June, 1952 and state:

(a) when the Medical College at Delhi is expected to start functioning and where it will be located;