

CONTROL OF MALARIA

488. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the results achieved in the control of Malaria by spraying D.D.T. during the last two years; and

(b) what conclusions have been arrived at?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) A survey of the areas where Malaria Control Units operated, was made in 1953-54, while that for the current year is in progress.

(b) Conclusions will be arrived at after the data which are being collected from State Governments, are compiled.

DELIVERY OF MAILS

489. **Shri Karni Singhji**: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that postal parcels from Bikaner and Delhi to Bangalore take nearly a month to reach their destination; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to obviate this delay in transit?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) No such complaint has so far been made to the Department.

(b) Does not arise.

दाइयों का प्रशिक्षण

४९०. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) संयुक्त राष्ट्र अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय शिशु आपात निधि के अन्तर्गत जो एक लाख चार हजार की रकम भारत को मिली है, उससे किन-किन राज्यों में दाइयों के प्रशिक्षण का कार्य चल रहा है ;

(ख) इन योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत कितनी दाइयों को शिक्षण तथा प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है ;

(ग) दाइयों के प्रशिक्षण के लिए जो चुनाव होता है, वह किस आधार पर होता है ; और

(घ) कुल कितनी दाइयों के प्रशिक्षण का प्रबन्ध होगा और प्रशिक्षण के बाद क्या सरकार उन्हें काम दे सकेगी ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The Training of 'Dais' is being conducted under the UNICEF/WHO MCH/Nursing Projects in the States of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Travancore-Cochin and Hyderabad. The total UNICEF assistance for this project is \$ 84,000 out of which \$ 10,000 are for stipends or rewards to 'Dais' and \$ 74,000 for equipment and supplies.

(b) It is proposed to train approximately 3,500 'Dais' in the first instance under this scheme.

(c) the selection is made by the State Government concerned in the following manner.

The number of women practising midwifery in a particular area is ascertained after a survey of the number of births in that area. Selection for training is made from among such women who have a large practice and who have little or no training in modern clinical methods. The number selected is so fixed that there is one dai for every fifty births.

(d) the total number of 'Dais' to be trained under the Scheme would be 3,500. The Government of India and the State Governments are not committed to give employment to such dais after completion of the training. The main objects of this training to untrained dais in the various States are:

(i) To improve midwifery services in the rural areas by utilising the existing dais;