

(क) "बीरस एन्सीफेलीटिस" नामक अज्ञात बीमारी के उपचार तथा चिकित्सा के लिये क्या कोई अनुसन्धान किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कहां और उस में कितनी सफलता मिली ;

(ग). इस बीमारी से देश भर में कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई ;

(घ) क्या अस्पतालों में प्रविष्ट रोगियों में से कोई बचा और यदि हां, तो कितने ; और

(ङ) इस बीमारी के फिर से होने की रोकथाम के लिये सरकार ने क्या उपाय किए हैं ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No investigation has been undertaken specifically for the purpose of evolving a specific treatment for the disease. Investigations are under way, however, to elucidate the etiology of the disease.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 118 (including 9 from suspected cases) from May, 1954, when the first case was reported up to the end of October, 1954.

(d) Out of 623 cases reported during that period, 505 have survived.

(e) On the basis of knowledge available to-date, State Governments have been informed of the possible measures to be taken for the prevention of the disease. No specific preventive measures, such as the use of preventive vaccine, etc. are however, available so far for the purpose.

MANUFACTURE OF TELEPHONE PARTS IN INDIA

494. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of parts a telephone consists of and the equipment necessary for its working;

(b) which of the components are manufactured in India and which of them are imported from outside;

(c) the percentage valuation of the parts imported;

(d) whether any attempt is being made to manufacture them in India; and

(e) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The telephone instrument consists of 539 parts including inside wiring for connecting the various parts of the instrument. The equipment necessary for the working of a telephone is exchange equipment, external wires, lines, poles, cables, Batteries etc.

(b) Except for Magnet (1 type), Washer (1 type) and Ball bearing (1 type), which are imported at present, all components of a telephone instrument are manufactured in India.

(c) 1 per cent.

(d) and (e). These parts are not being manufactured at present but like other telephone components, it is proposed to manufacture these in India.

RAILWAY WAGONS

495. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Pandit S. C. Mishra:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons that are required to meet India's immediate needs;

(b) the number of wagons that India would require annually to cope with the needs of Railways; and

(c) when Government hope to be in a position to meet all our demands locally?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) It is estimated that about 250,000 (four-wheelers) wagons would be required by the end of the First Five-year Plan to meet requirements.

(b) About 12,000 to 13,000 wagons will be required annually to the end of the 2nd Plan Period.

(c) We are practically self-sufficient for normal replacement and additions and within about two years the necessity for ordering abroad is likely to be obviated except in regard to some special type stock.

THEFT ON RAILWAYS

496. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether theft and pillferage of coal from wagons while in transit has considerably increased in recent months; and

(b) the number of complaints received in this connection at various Railway Stations (specially from Calcutta, Delhi and Patna) in 1954?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) There is no evidence of an increase in the recent months in loss of coal from wagons while in transit due to theft and pilferage.

(b) 126 complaints were received during the period from 1st April to 30th September, 1954. Of these, 16 were from Calcutta and 2 from Delhi. No complaint was received from Patna.

COAL MINES LABOUR WELFARE FUND

497. Shri P. C. Bose: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals so far built by the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund in the different coal fields;

(b) the total number of beds provided in these hospitals; and

(c) the daily average number of indoor and outdoor patients of these hospitals?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 47.]

RICE MILLS

498. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of existing rice mills in India, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers employed in each mill; and

(c) the total quantity of rice husked out annually from paddy, State-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) to (c). Complete detailed information about the number of workers employed in each mill and the quantity of rice milled by the mills is not readily available with Government. Its collection will involve considerable labour which will not be commensurate with the advantage to be obtained. A statement is therefore, placed on the Table of the House giving such information as is available. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 48.]

ROAD MILEAGE IN ANDHRA STATE

499. Shri C. R. Chowdary: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of National Highways completed in Andhra so far;

(b) the mileage that is under construction;

(c) the target fixed for 1951 to 1956 period in that state with respect to;

(i) New Roads,

(ii) Improvement of existing Roads,

(iii) Bridges; and

(d) what are the selected roads and what is their mileage?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 2 miles under the current five year programme.

(b) 24 miles.