

Contributory Health Service Scheme

455. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far realised from the Central Government employees towards the Contributory Health Service Scheme;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the staff and equipment since the inception of the Scheme; and

(c) whether all those who are required to pay contributions are availing of the scheme?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Up to the end of September, 1955, Rs. 14,36,478/-

(b) Rs. 28,77,379-6-8 upto the end of September, 1955.

(c) Yes.

Medical Help to Flood-affected Areas

456. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the medical help given by different organisations in the flood-affected areas in Assam, Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh during August-September 1955; and

(b) whether in addition to the medical aid, clothing was also distributed among the people who were affected by floods?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). The medical supplies, clothings etc., made available to the various States by different organisations upto the end of October, 1955 for relief of persons affected by floods are as in the statements attached. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 13].

Railway Coaches

457. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) total number of third class coaches fitted with fans in the Central Railway till 1955; and

(b) the target for the next year i.e. 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 920 upto 31-10-1955.

(b) 55.

Tourist Centres

458. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop eighty centres all over the country to encourage tourism; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a). Various proposals for the development of a number of tourist resorts and areas are still under the consideration of the Planning Commission. It is not possible to say at this stage what the number of such centres will be.

(b) It is not possible to say at present.

Railway Concessional Tickets

459. **Shri K. P. Sinha** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of concessional tickets issued during Dusshra i.e. from the 14th to the 27th October, 1955; and

(b) the total amount of earnings therefrom?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a). Approximately 60,000 return tickets.

(b) Approximately Rs. 10.5 lakhs.

Transport Facilities

460. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have so far been taken to improve the transport position on the North Eastern Railway since the 30th September 1955; and

(b) if so, what are those steps?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a). Yes. Steps continue to be taken to improve transport position on all the Railways including the North-Eastern Railway.

(b) A statement furnishing the information asked for is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 14].

Veterinary Hospitals

461. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of veterinary hospitals opened throughout the country during 1954-55; and

(b) the number of such hospitals proposed to be opened in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 and the names of the States where they will be opened ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a). *138 Hospitals and 122 Dispensaries.

(b) *A statement is laid on the Table [See Appendix V, annexure No. 15].

Delhi Road Transport Authority

462. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 203 on the 25th November, 1955 and state:

(a) the increase in the number of buses that are being run at present by the Delhi Transport Authority during the current year; and

(b) total amount spent on their purchase ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a). 134.

(b) Rs. 60,30,000/-.

Railway Lines

463. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of double-railway lines in India as on the 15th August, 1947 and on the 15th August, 1955;

(b) how many miles of the double railway lines are to be covered during the next 5 years in India (State-wise); and

(c) whether the Railway Board has sanctioned a preliminary engineering survey for doubling the Railway line between Kalihar and Barsoi on the North Eastern Railway ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a). 15-8-47.. Appx. 2885 miles. 15-8-55.. Appx. 3081.

(b) The proposals for the Sections to be doubled during the Second Five Year Plan are still under investigation and have not yet been finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Milch Cattle

464. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of milch cattle in India at present;

(b) the number of milch cattle slaughtered during the last 3 years showing separately the number of cows and she-buffaloes; and

(c) the estimated number of draught cattle, specially bulls, in the country and the number required for meeting the needs of agriculture.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a). 6.7 crores according to the 1951 Livestock Census.

(b) The information is not available.

(c) According to the 1951 Livestock Census, the number of draught cattle was estimated at 6.7 crores, of which 5.8 crores were bulls. No estimate of the number of draught cattle required for meeting the need of agriculturists is available.

Helicopters

465. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Helicopters purchased during the current year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on them ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a): and (b). No Helicopter has been purchased by any civil operator.

Cancer

466. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of cancer patients in India at present ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): Information about the number of cancer patients, in India is not available.

Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes in Punjab

467. Shri D. C. Sharma : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the amount asked for by the Punjab Government for implementing their health and water supply schemes in rural and urban areas, under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Scheme, during 1955-56 ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) : A sum of Rs. 56.25 lakhs as loans for urban water supply and drainage schemes and Rs. 15.75 lakhs as grant -in-aid for rural schemes were asked for by the Punjab Government during 1955-56.

*Information from 8 State Governments has not yet been received.