

MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

(a) the names of the States which have approached the Union Government for financial assistance for strengthening their Medical Colleges; and

(b) the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Andhra, Bihar, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, PEPSU, Pondicherry Saurashtra, Travancore-Cochin, Uttar Pradesh and Vindhya Pradesh have all asked for aid for starting new medical colleges as well as for helping those recently started and for strengthening some.

(b) No decision has so far been taken in the matter.

DEAD LETTER OFFICES

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

(a) the number of letters received in the Dead Letter Offices in India from the 1st of October, 1955 to the end of February, 1956; and

(b) the number of letters disposed of during the same period?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) and (b). It is not practicable to furnish actual figures of receipts and disposals of unregistered articles in Dead Letter Offices during the period mentioned as day to day statistics are not maintained. The receipts and disposals of such articles during the last Enumeration Week from 8th to 14th February, 1956 are :—

Receipts	2,56,142
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Disposals	2,34,494
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Receipts and disposals of registered articles from Dead Letter Offices for the period from 1-10-55 to 29-2-56 are as follows:—

Receipts	48,288
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Disposals	46,627
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Ad hoc TRIBUNAL

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

(a) the number of cases that were referred to the Ad hoc Tribunal during 1955; and

(b) total number of cases disposed of?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Five demands made by the Federation were referred to the Tribunal.

(b) None of these has so far been determined by the Tribunal, but as a result of negotiations which the Federation had with the Railway Board in July, 1955, agreement was reached on three items.

VECTOR CARDIOGRAPHS

993. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vector-cardiograph devised by two Polish Scientists claims to be the best in the world;

(b) if so, whether that has been experimented in India; and

(c) the cost of the instrument?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Vector Cardiographs are being made and are in use in some of the countries of the world. As far as we are aware, the stereoscopic attachment to the vector cardiograph has been made only by the Polish Scientists. Vector cardiography itself is still in the experimental stage and has not been standardised. It is, therefore, very difficult at present to compare one instrument with another.

(b) No.

(c) About Rs. 50,000/-.