

LOK SABHA

Friday, 14th December, 1956

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indigenous Systems of Medicine in Delhi

*1169. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken for surveying the existing facilities available in Delhi for the Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathic systems of medicine?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : Yes. A committee was appointed for the purpose by the Delhi State Government on the 6th September, 1956. The committee has not up-to-date sent in any report.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : What is the machinery set up by this committee through which this survey is being made?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : A committee has been set up with Pandit Rameshwar Dayal as Chairman and there are 14 other members.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether the hon. Deputy Minister has got any information whether the work has been started at all by this committee?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : Yes, they have held one or two meetings.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether any time-limit has been fixed within which this committee will submit its report?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : As far as my information goes, I do not think there is any time-limit.

Rural Health Schemes in Kerala

*1170. **Shri A. K. Gopalan** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to State:

(a) whether any scheme for the control of Filaria and for the supply 519 L.S.D.

of the good drinking water for the Second Five Year Plan has been received by the Government of India from Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether Government will lay a copy of the same on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : (a) and (b). No new scheme from the Government of Kerala for the control of Filaria and for the supply of good drinking water for the Second Five Year Plan has so far been received by the Government of India.

Shri A. K. Gopalan : May I know whether the Government has got any plan included in the second Five Year Plan for the control of malaria and also filaria?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : In the second Five Year Plan we will continue the same national filaria control programme. For this, in the first Five Year Plan, the Central Government's share was Rs. 109.87 lakhs and the contribution of the State Governments was Rs. 41.66 lakhs. That programme will be continued. The provision in the second Five Year Plan is, I think, about Rs. 600 lakhs and odd.

Shri A. K. Gopalan : May I know the filarial centres that have been taken up and also the result after these centres have been set up—whether there is any decrease or increase in this disease?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : We allocated 13 control units and 22 survey units of which 11 control units are functioning in the various States. Also, 18 survey units are working in those States. This was started towards the latter part of the first Five Year Plan and it is too early to assess the results of this work.

Shri A. M. Thomas : The idea was to tackle this question of filaria also on the basis on which malaria was tackled. But so far, on State-wide basis no steps have been taken, like DDT spraying or anything like that. May I enquire what exactly is the reason for that, because Kerala, as you know, is the most filaria-stricken area?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : We know that Kerala is one of the areas where filaria is prevalent. That is why we have also set up a training centre there for train-