

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The post-graduate training and research centre in Homoeopathy at Bombay has not yet been started by the Bombay Government. So far as West Bengal is concerned, there is no proposal to start such a centre.

(b) The Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 38,020/- to the Government of Bombay for starting the Post-Graduate Training Centre in Homoeopathy at the Government Homoeopathic Hospital, Sion, Bombay.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether in addition to grants-in-aid, any other financial help is given for the encouragement of homoeopathy?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: If the hon. Member means research work in homoeopathy in other institutions, Rs. 20,000 each for the setting up of 10 research beds during the current financial year have been given to the Andhra Provincial Medical College and Hospital at Gudivada and the Midnapore Hospital and College at Midnapore.

#### Women Village Level Workers

\*1173. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress that the scheme for training of women village level workers in Home Economics has made so far; and

(b) the total cost incurred by Government as contribution to the Scheme?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 72].

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I enquire State-wise the number of centres functioning now?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have got the whole list.

Mr. Speaker: Is the list a long one?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There are 14 States and 27 Centres. Andhra has got two, Assam 1 . . .

Mr. Speaker: It is not necessary.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I enquire whether after training in these centres, the village level women workers have increased their efficiency and do any work outside the zone assigned to them?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is not for the purpose of increasing efficiency that the training is being given. The training is

given to see that they are in a position to do the job which we expect of them. This scheme for women village level works has just been put into effect. It is too early to judge.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I enquire if all these trained women workers have been put in government service or they are employed in their own homes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are all in government service.

श्री जलन बर्मान : क्या यह सत्य है कि इन केन्द्रों में गृह विज्ञान की जो शिक्षा दी जा रही है वह उन महिलाओं द्वारा दी जा रही है जिन को पिछले दिनों हवाई क्षेत्र में शिक्षा मिलती थी, और क्या इस लिये वे यहाँ आ कर केवल हवाई बातों सिखना रही हैं, अर्थात् काम की कोई बात नहीं सिखला रही है ?

डा० पं० शं० बलमुक्त : हवाई क्षेत्र हवा पर नहीं है, भूमि पर है और वहाँ पर उनकी शिक्षा हुई है।

Shrimati Jayashri: May I know what is the minimum qualification required for giving this training?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are trying to secure matriculates if possible. If they are not available, we take even those who are Middle school passed.

#### Model Houses

\*1174. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the type designs of various model houses for adoption in villages in Community Project areas were received from the Rural Cell of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply;

(b) if so, whether those types and specifications were accepted by State Governments for Project areas; and

(c) whether any manual on Rural Housing has been published by the Ministry?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (c). Type designs of various model houses have been published in the manual on Rural Housing by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply and circulated by this Ministry to all Development Commissioners and Training Centres.

(b) These designs and specifications are used by State Governments as background material and are adopted to the extent necessary to suit local needs and conditions.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know if the percentage of money allotted to a block is spent for housing and whether Government have given special directions to have the houses built?

**Shri S. K. Dey:** There is a small provision of Rs. 75,000 in the Community Development block for utilisation either for rural housing or housing for other purposes. Wherever there is demand for rural housing, expenditure is incurred out of this budget. The State Governments have been asked, as far as possible, to build houses according to rural pattern.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether over and above the work in the W.H.S. Ministry, the Transport Ministry through its Roads Research Institute at Okhla is helping in any way about the designs of houses?

**Shri S. K. Dey:** Not to my knowledge.

**श्रीमती कमलेश्वरिणी शाह :** क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि इस प्रकार के घर गांवों में कम से कम कितनी कीमत में बन सकते हैं ?

**Shri S. K. Dey:** We have specified a general ceiling of Rs. 750 per house.

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** The hon. Minister said that the designs of the W.H.S. Ministry are used only as background material for rural housing schemes in the various States. May I enquire if the Community Development Ministry has prescribed any design as suitable to the various regions all over the country with the help of this background material instead of leaving it to the State Governments to do this?

**Shri S. K. Dey:** Conditions vary from State to State and sometimes from District to District and Tehsil to Tehsil. It is impossible from the Centre to specify type designs that would be applicable for the country all over.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** माननीय मंत्री \* जी ने अभी बतलाया कि ७५० रु० में एक घर बनेगा। क्या कमी माननीय मंत्री जी ने देखा है कि गांवों में ७५० रु० खर्च करने वाले लोग कितने परसेंट तक हैं? उन के लिये सरकार क्या सोच रही है ?

**Shri S. K. Dey:** This amount is usually meant for people who cannot afford to spend money of their own. The amount is given to them as a long term loan.

#### Locomotives and Carriages

\*1175. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2136 on 13th September, 1956 and state:

(a) the extent of the insufficient stock of the narrow gauge locomotives and carriages on the Western Railway; and

(b) the number of locomotives and carriages procured so far and to be procured during the current financial year?

#### The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) Locomotives . . . . . 20  
Carriages . . . . . 32

(b) Provision of 81 Narrow Gauge locomotives, 633 passenger coaches, and 4021 wagons on replacement account has been made in the Second Five Year Plan for all Narrow Gauge Sections of the Indian Railways and the Western Railway will be allotted its due share.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether the stock is sufficient as most of the engines and other locomotives and carriages are out-of-date and over-aged?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** We hope it will be sufficient. These are by no means as many as we would like to have. Under the circumstances, we are doing our best.

#### Flood Damages

\*1178. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make a survey of the flood-affected areas in the country and collect information regarding the damages done to the recently constructed bunds, canal roads and reservoirs in those areas;

(b) whether these constructions have in any areas increased the rigours of the floods;

(c) if so, the names of those areas; and

(d) whether suitable steps will be taken to provide more bridges and culverts in such areas to allow flood water to escape?