

(d) The assistance for Malaria Eradication Programme given by the Government of India to the State of Orissa during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

Years	Amount allotted (Rs. in lakhs)
1977-78 .	327.68
1978-79 .	440.90
1979-80 .	254.44*
1980-81 .	241.23*

* In these years only 50% of the expenditure on a National Malaria Eradication Programme was shared by the Central Government as per the decision taken by the N.D.C.

Orissa is one of the States covered under the P. Malaria Containment Project Bone-II which comprises of Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal States. An expenditure of about \$ 200,000 is being incurred annually for the containment of P. falciparum incidence in the entire Zone—II. This expenditure is met out of the assistance from Swedish International Development Agency through World Health Organisation.

**Seniority of Telephone Operators in
Sucheta Kripalani Hospital,
New Delhi**

4592. SHRI DILEEP SINGH:
BHURIA: Will the Minister of
HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what is the seniority of the Telephone Operators and the date from which their promotion as Upper Division Clerks is due after merger of Telephone Operators with the Lower Division Clerks in the Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Telephone Operators of the Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi are being forced to perform duty for about 176 hours per month with no extra incentive, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the operators have protested against this forced duty; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in order to see that either the operators are required to perform average duty on par with the operators of other Central Government Hospitals or given over time for the extra hours of duty put in by them, every month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI
NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a)
The seniority of the Telephone
Operators for the purpose of promotion as Upper Division Clerks can be finalised only after the merger of the posts of the Telephone Operators with the cadre of the Lower Division Clerks in the Lady Hardings Medical College & Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi, is effected,

(b) to (d). In the Lady Harding Medical College, there is a Telephone Exchange PABX with 10 lines and 100 extensions. It serves the College, Hospital and the various residential hostels within the campus. Being mainly meant for the Hospital, the Exchange works round the clock which necessitates putting the Telephone Operators on shift duty, including night duty. The total number of Telephone Operators in the institution is 5. Taking into account the difficulties experienced by the Telephone Operators in travelling by bus at odd hours, the night shift has been kept for 10 hours i.e. from 9.00 pm to 7.00 am the following day. The other two shifts are from 7.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. During the peak hours from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., an additional hand is provided to give relief to the Operators on normal duty. The shift duties are drawn up in a cycle of five weeks wherein a Telephone Operator performs night duty for one week and one week each on the 7.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., 2.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. shifts and remains on relief duty for one week. The Tele-

phone Operators on day duty are given lunch/tea break of one hours. The total number of hours of duty put in by each Telephone Operator comes to about 170 hours during a month. The total number of hours of duty put in by others who are not normally put on shift duty, comes to about 157 hours in a month. No extra remuneration is paid to the Telephone Operators for the additional duty of 13 hours in a month.

The Telephone Operators have not submitted any representation regarding the extra hours of duty they have to perform as compared to other categories of staff. However, in September, 1978, the Telephone Operators wanted the weekly roster, instead of monthly roster, to be restored. They also wanted that they should be treated at par with Telephone Operators in other Government Hospitals. The Principal, Lady Harding Medical College has been asked to consider these requests and make the best arrangements possible.

The building for housing a new Telephone Exchange in Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital is under construction. There are 4 Telephone Operators in the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital and with the installation of the new Telephone Exchange, the pooled services of 9 Telephone Operators (5 from Lady Harding Medical College & Smt. Sucheta Kripalani Hospital and 4 from Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital), it is hoped, would provide the desired relief.

Termination of Services of Khalasis

4593. SHRI MOTILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Khalasis under Dist. Signal and Telecommunication Engineer/Works Tambaram, Podanur, Remodelling Madras Egmore and

Microwave unit Perambur whose services have been terminated for medical unfitness under Group BI:

(b) how many of them were found fit in lower medical category viz. BII and CI;

(c) total number of vacancies in S & T Shops Perambur and Podanur and in other units under the control of CSTE/CON/Madras for which medical group BII and CI is sufficient; and

(d) what are the reasons for terminating the services of these medically unfit in BI while Vacancies are available for accommodating those fit in BII and CI as per Boards Directions E(NG)II 71 CL 84 of 15-12-72 and even No. dated 10-5-73?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 32.

(b) 18.

(c) 12.

(d). In terms of the directives contained in Board's letters of 13-12-72 and 10-5-73, casual labour, who were found medically unfit in BI have been accommodated in alternative category to the extent possible.

Medical Examination of Khalasis

4594. SHRI MOTILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many ELR/Khalasis are under the control of CSTE/CON/MAS;

(b) how many of them were sent for Medical Examination on the date of appointment;

(c) how many of them were sent for medical examination after some years;

(d) how many of them were found unfit under Medical group BI after serving for some years;