

said Federation in Seamen's Employment and Welfare Boards; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shipping Master, Calcutta

512. { Shri M. Elias:  
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Master, Calcutta is at the same time Director of the Seamen's Employment Office; and

(b) whether Government are aware that such unusual accumulation of responsible work in the hands of one person might hinder the efficiency of the port administration?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. For the present, the Director of Seamen's Employment Office, Calcutta is holding additional charge of the duties of Shipping Master, Calcutta. The incumbent of the latter post retired in February, 1957 when the present arrangement was made pending the selection of a suitable candidate for that post. The two posts require about the same qualifications and experience from their incumbents. The combination of the two posts for the present has resulted in economy.

(b) No; there is nothing unusual in combining such appointments particularly on grounds of economy. This has nothing to do with the efficiency of the port administration which is the responsibility of the Port Commissioners.

### National Filaria Control Programme

514. Shri E. S. Lal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of Filaria Control Units established so far State-wise since the inception of the National Filaria Control programme in 1954-55?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): The number of Filaria Control Units established so far State-wise is as follows:

Name of the State	Number of Units
Bombay	4
Mysore	2/5
Uttar Pradesh	6
Madras	2
Madhya Pradesh	1
Andhra Pradesh	2
Kerala	5-3/5
Orissa	5
Bihar	6
Total	32

### Flies

515. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports of abnormal increase in number and invasion by swarms of flies in some of the towns in India have been received by Government;

(b) if so, from where such reports have been received;

(c) whether any investigation has been made as to the causes of this abnormal increase of flies; and

(d) what steps have been suggested to meet this menace?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) No report regarding abnormal increase in number and invasion by swarms of flies in towns have been received by the Government of India from any of the State Governments.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.