

Sale of Fans

3044. Shri Radhamohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1,000 new electric fans were sold to Messrs Satyanarayan Bagh Chand of Kanpur by the North Eastern Railway in March, 1957;

(b) if so, what was the sale price obtained; and

(c) the price for which they had been purchased and what was the reason for their sale?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, only 36 D. C. unused fans (16 ceiling and 20 table fans) were sold.

(b) Total Sale value Rs. 1494-30 n.p. (at Rs. 41-51 n.p. each).

(c) Total purchase value from defence surplus, was Rs. 2636. (at Rs. 91 each for ceiling fans and Rs. 60-50 n.p. each for table fans).

These fans purchased nearly ten years ago were rendered surplus due to change over from D.C. to A.C. electric supply and were not required by the owning and other railways.

Misuse of Railway warrants on Central Railways

3046. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases are lodged before the Railway Magistrates on account of misuse of warrants by the Military officers on the Central Railways; and

(b) the number of such cases in 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 3 in 1956-57 and 3 in 1957-58.

रतलाम जोधरा रेलवे लाइन

३०४७. श्री डभर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या पश्चिम रेलवे के रतलाम जोधरा स्टेशनों के बीच रेलवे लाइन को दोहरा करने का काम प्रस्तावित धन राशि से नियत अवधि में पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बे० रामारवणं) : दोहरी लाइन बिछाने का काम निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार हो रहा है। पटरी, स्लॉपर और मिट्टी डालने के प्रतिरूपत काम की लागत बढ़ जाने के कारण इस काम की अनुमानित लागत लगभग ६ प्रतिशत बढ़ जाने की संभावना है।

Family Planning

3048. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made regarding birth-rate after the family planning programme was launched; and

(b) if so, in which area and with what result?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No survey regarding birth-rate has yet been started to measure the reduction in birth-rates for the country as a whole after the family planning programme has been launched. Special studies are, however, in progress to measure the acceptability and effectiveness of family planning methods in reducing the pregnancy rates. Some of these studies are designed to measure the reduction in birth rates after starting the family planning programme.

(b) The special studies mentioned at (a) above are being conducted in Uttar Pradesh at Itaunja and Lawar, in Punjab at Khanna, in Bombay State at Bombay, in West Bengal at Singur and in Mysore State at Ramanagram. The studies are in progress and it is considered premature to draw any general conclusion.

The pilot study conducted on rhythm method of family planning at Ramana-gram in Mysore State and Lodi Colony Delhi has shown that rhythm method appears to reduce pregnancy rate by about 50 per cent. if properly followed. There are limitations for regular and proper practice of this method. Such limitations are due to the inability of the couple to abstain for such lengths of time as are demanded by the method. Therefore, rhythm method alone is not likely to reduce birth-rates in a community.

B. C. G. Vaccination

3049. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made regarding the statistics of attack of T. B. before and after the B. C. G. Vaccination; and

(b) if so, in which area and with what result?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Limited surveys regarding incidence of T.B. were carried out in different parts of the country before the start of the B.C.G. Vaccination Campaign in the following places with the results shown against each:—

S. No.	Place	Year	Morbidity rate
1.	Saidapet (Madras)	1938-39	2.63%
2.	Scrapore (Calcutta)	1939-43	7%
3.	A Military Centre	1945	1 to 3.4%
4.	Faridabad	1952	1.36%
5.	Trivandrum	1952	1.16%
6.	Madras	1952	1.5%
7.	Delhi	1952	1.8%
8.	Madan palle	1949	1.16%

A comprehensive and Scientific survey was taken up by the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1955 in the following Centres:—

1. New Delhi T.B. Centre, New Delhi.
2. All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta.
3. The T.B. Centre, Patna.
4. The T.B. Centre, Trivandrum.
5. The U.M.T. Sanatorium, Arogyavaram (Madanapalle).
6. The T.B. Clinic, Hyderabad.

The result of the survey will be known after the field work has been completed and the data collected have been analysed.

The B.C.G. Vaccination is not yet over and the question of post-vaccination survey does not therefore arise.

Licensed Porters at Railway Stations

3050. Shri Balkrishna Wasnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licenced porters who carry the luggage of passengers from outside the Railway Stations to the trains and vice versa, working on different zones of the Indian Railway separately as on 1st January, 1958;

(b) the amount of money recovered per annum from these licenced porters by way of licence fee; and

(c) the amount spent on the amenities and facilities given to these licenced porters?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.