

(11) *Andaman and Nicobar Islands*—Information from the Administration has not yet been received.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Government of India for the successful implementation of the programme:

1. For the co-ordination of work of the various States, additional posts required for the establishment of a separate Directorate at the Malaria Institute of India and six regional organisations in the country have been sanctioned. Necessary action for filling up these posts is being taken.

2. The details of the Malaria Eradication Programme circulated to the State Governments.

3. Planning Commission discussed the details with representatives of the State Governments.

4. The State Governments were requested to make every effort to implement the programme in accordance with the details of work schedule and to accord high priority to the Programme.

5. Supply orders have already been placed for supply of sprayers and stirrup pumps and the supplies as and when received are being despatched to the States.

6. All the jeeps and trucks to be supplied by T.C.M. have been shipped. A part of the supply has been received and is being despatched to the States.

7. 10,680 tons of D.D.T. received from U.S.T.C.M./W.H.O. are under despatch to the States.

8. Arrangement has been made with the Railway Board to give high priority for transport of material required for the Programme.

9. In order to expedite the implementation of the Programme a high level working Committee has been formed at the Centre. The States have also been requested to form such Committees.

10. A publicity week was celebrated from the 23rd to 30th June, 1958, to give publicity to this Programme for enlisting the co-operation of the public.

Delhi Ring Road

117. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the progress made with regard to the construction of Delhi Ring Road?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): A statement showing the progress on the Ring Road round Delhi is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 57.]

Over-crowding in Trains on Western Railway

118. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to remove or reduce over-crowding in trains on the Western Railway; and

(b) the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 58.]

T.B. among Children in India

119. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tuberculosis among children of India is on the increase; and

(b) if so, what are the causes for the increase?

The Minister of Health (**Shri Kar-markar**): (a) and (b) Reliable statistics regarding the incidence of tuberculosis among children in India are not

available and it is not, therefore, possible to say whether there has been any increase in the incidence of tuberculosis among children.

Sugar

120. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of recovery of sugar from sugar-cane in Punjab during 1953-54 to 1957-58 seasons; and

(b) how does it compare with that of U.P.?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The percentage recovery of sugar from sugar-cane in the States of Punjab and U.P. during 1953-54 to 1957-58 seasons was as under:—

Season	Punjab	U.P.
1953—54	9.42	9.87
1954—55	8.96	9.67
1955—56	8.88	9.71
1956—57	9.02	9.69
1957—58	9.42	9.93

Agricultural Ministers' Conference

121. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 724 on the 3rd December, 1957 and state the main recommendations of Agricultural Ministers' Conference held at Srinagar in October, 1957 which have been implemented so far by the Government of India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The main recommendations of the Agriculture Ministers' Conference which have been implemented by the Government of India are as under:—

(i) it is essential to provide more money to States for minor irrigation;

(ii) the Central Government should set up a Committee consisting of experts and administrators—both from Centre and States which should visit four or five States and recommend to States model Agricultural organisations for adoption as well as measures for delegation of powers to agricultural Officers at State, district and block levels;

(iii) to ensure adequate and timely supply of super phosphates to the States, a conference of State representatives and manufacturers may be convened by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture;

(iv) in connection with seed multiplication farms, the amount given for the (acquisition) of land should be raised to Rs. 1,500 per acre; and

(v) the transport arrangements from fruit producing areas to consuming areas should be improved by supplying adequate number of wooden wagons.

Central Council of Local Government

122. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 283 on the 20th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since considered the recommendations of the Central Council of Local Government;

(b) the recommendations which have been accepted by the Central and State Governments so far; and

(c) the reactions of the Central and State Governments regarding other recommendations?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the action taken by the Central and State Governments is laid on the Table