rough computation, on a proportionate basis, the average monthly expenditure for the last two years incurred on the C.H.S. beneficiaries on account of their hospitalization in the two Hospitals is as indicated below:---

1	956-57	Rs.	1,11,417		
1957-58		Rs.	1, 27,073		
(Ъ)	1955-56		70,600		
	1956-57 &	1957-58	88,000		

(c) Before the introduction of the Contributory Health Services Scheme, the Ministries Departments Offices concerned were making provision for reimbursement for medical attendance and treatment in respect of Government servants employed under them. No accounts of such expenditure were kept in the Ministry.

Interlocking Apparatus at Dornakal Station

2564. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the interlocking apparatus will be installed in the Cabins at Dornakal Station, Central Railway; and

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that in the absence of same, safe working of the trains at this station is greatly jeopardised in view of the large volume of traffic obtaining at this station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The interlocking apparatus will be installed at Dornakal Station by March, 1959.

(b) No. Although the station is noninterlocked, suitable procedures and instructions are laid down for safe working of trains at the station. In addition, all trains are booked to stop at this station and enter the station at reduced and controlled speed.

Companies Plying Steamer Services in Assam

2565. Shri Liladhar Keteki: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names, and capital of companies plying steamer services in Brahmaputra, Assam; and

(b) whether any subsidy or loan had been given to any of the Companies?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 50.]

(b) It is proposed to give a loan of Rs. 30 lakhs to the India General Navigation and Railway Company Limited.

Staff in the Ministry of Health

2566. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assistants and Clerks in the Ministry of Health; and

(b) the number of employees among them belonging to Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):

(a) Assistants		•		••	67
Clerks .				••	142
(b) Scheduled Scheduled Assistants	Caste Tirt	es and		••	8
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Irrigation Wells in West Bengal

2567. Shri N. R. Munisamy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 3632 of the 8th May, 1958 and state:

(a) whether any reply has since been received from West Bengal