

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :
 (क) से (ग). हावड़ा-नयी दिल्ली-मद्रास के बीच चलने वाली वातानुकूल एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के एक वातानुकूल डिब्बे में, प्रयोग के रूप में, २-४-६० से आकाशावणी के समाचार और संगीत रिले किये जा रहे हैं। इस डिब्बे में लाउड स्पीकर लगे हुए हैं। इस प्रयोग के परिणाम और इसके सम्बन्ध में जनता की प्रतिक्रिया मालूम हो जाने के बाद इस योजना को दूसरी वातानुकूल एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में शुरू करने के सवाल पर विचार किया जायेगा। दूसरी गाड़ियों में इस मुविधा को व्यवस्था करना संभव नहीं है, क्योंकि खिड़कियों के रस्ते डिब्बों में बाहर से जो आवाज आती है, उस पर नियंत्रण रखने में कठिनाई होती है।

Radio Receiving Sets

1281. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) to what type of radio receiving sets, has the concession of Licence Fee been extended;

(b) whether it has not been extended to second hand radio-sets; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) The concession of Licence Fee has been extended to new sets purchased from radio dealers licensed by the Government of India and whose original price does not exceed Rs. 125 (inclusive of all taxes but exclusive of Local Sales Tax).

(b) No.

(c) Because, the original price of a secondhand set, even if purchased for Rs. 125 or less, will be much more than that and thus it will not fall in the category of 'cheap sets'.

C.H.S. Scheme

1282. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

how much does one dispensary in the Contributory Health Service, serving ten thousand beneficiaries, cost per annum and out of that how much is contributed by the beneficiaries and how much by Government?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The accounts of the C.H.S. Scheme are maintained for the Scheme as a whole and not dispensary-wise. It is therefore not possible to furnish the required information. Moreover the number of beneficiaries attached to a dispensary varies from one area to another and it is not necessarily 10,000. However, the average expenditure on one dispensary catering to approximately 10,500 beneficiaries will be about Rs. 1.60 lakhs which is exclusive of the cost of hospitalization in Government hospitals. The amount of contributions realised from the beneficiaries is approximately 50 per cent of the expenditure.

Homoeopathic Medicines and Yogic Exercises

1283. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have arrived at any conclusions with regard to the efficacy of:

(i) Homoeopathic medicines;

(ii) Yogic Exercises;

in maintaining health and preventing and curing disease; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Water Coolers on Northern Railway.

1284. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations on Northern Railway where water coolers have been installed during 1960-61; and