

(c) what projects are at present being carried on under the Control Programme in these Islands?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) A preliminary filaria survey of the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindive Islands was carried out between December, 1954 and February, 1955, by the Government of Madras. These Islands (except Bitra Island) were surveyed again in detail in April, 1958, by a team sent by the Malaria Institute of India. No evaluation of the progress of the Filaria Control Programme has been done so far but the Malaria Institute of India proposes to send a team to these Islands for an on-the-spot study of the current situation of the filariasis problem. The team is expected to go during November-December, 1962.

(b) A Filaria Control Programme under the National Filaria Control Programme was started in these Islands in 1959-60. It is too early to assess the results of the Control measures undertaken in these Islands, as effective and continued control over a period of four to five years is needed for achieving palpable results.

(c) Anti-larval work only is being carried out at present under the National Filaria Control Programme.

Demand for Halt Station at Panniar District, Gurdaspur

2083. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long standing demand for a halt station at Panniar, Gurdaspur District, (Northern Railway); and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was examined and not accepted for want of adequate justification.

Provision of Fans in Third Class Coaches

2084. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many Third Class coaches plying on the broad gauge line between Delhi and Pathankot are not yet provided with fans; and

(b) how long it will take to provide them with fans?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) All third class coaches nominated to work between Delhi and Pathankot are provided with carriage fans. Occasionally some deficiencies arise due to thefts, repairs etc. and replacement are arranged as early as possible.

(b) Does not arise.

Field Assistant Apprentices

**2085. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri P. Kunhan:**

Will the the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3616 on the 20th June, 1962 and state:

(a) the total amount spent on the Field Assistant Apprentices in 1960 and 1961;

(b) the total amount spent by way of travelling allowance and other allowances for the same;

(c) whether in response to the letters written to the State Governments any of the candidates have been employed by the State Governments; and

(d) whether this question of employing the Field Assistants was discussed in the meeting of the Ministers of Panchayati Raj and Cooperation?