

(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?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar): (a)

(a) 1960-61	34,733 42
1961-62	39,413 90
(b) 1960-61	17,187 60
1961-62	15,425 43

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir.

Family Planning

2086. Shri Manabendra Shah: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mobile dispensaries have been set up, specially in the hilly areas of the country during the Third Five Year Plan so far for purposes of sterilization;

(b) if not, what other incentives and facilities have been offered to the people of hilly areas for sterilization; and

(c) how many persons from the hilly areas have on an average offered themselves for sterilization specially from the hilly areas of U.P.?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will, when available, be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Water Supply Scheme in Madras State

2087. Shri M. P. Swamy: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidies given by Central Government to Madras State during 1960-61 and 1961-62 under the National Water Supply and Sanitation programme; and

(b) the amount actually spent during each of these years?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) According to the exist-

ing procedure from 1958-59, allotment of funds to States is sanctioned in lump-sum for broad groups or categories of schemes and not for individual schemes. As such, the question of sanctioning grant-in-aid specifically for National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (Rural) does not arise.

(b) The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Agricultural University in Bhubaneswar

2088. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the financial and technical help given to Orissa Government for the establishment of Agricultural University at Bhubaneswar (Orissa); and

(b) what was the actual demand of the Orissa Government in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b) Financial:—The actual demand of the state Government in this regard is Rs. 25 lakhs, but no grant has so far been given.

Technical:—The State Government was helped by a Committee of Experts appointed by the Central Government to assist the States in the formulation of legislation relating to the establishment of Agricultural Universities. They have now asked for the services of a few Experts from the U.S.A. and this request is under consideration.

Medium Irrigation Projects in Orissa

2090. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been given by way of grants and loans