

(c) and (d). Investigations are still in progress.

**Durgapur Thermal Power Station**

344. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two units of power house at Durgapur Thermal Power Station were damaged on the 25th October, 1965 due to an accidental fire in the turbine lubricating oil;

(b) if so, whether a Committee has been appointed to go into the causes of the accident;

(c) whether it has submitted its report; and

(d) the findings of the Committee?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Not yet.

(d) Does not arise.

**Payment of L.I.C. Premium through Post Offices**

345. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiment for the payment of L.I.C. Premium through Post Offices has proved successful;

(b) the States in which this was experimented;

(c) whether the Postal Department has agreed to accept the L.I.C. Premium through all sub-offices; and

(d) if so, whether all Postal Circles will be covered in the current year?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madras, Mysore and Rajasthan.

(c) and (d). Postal Department has agreed to extend the facility of accepting premiums through post offices in all Postal Circles in rural areas wherever the Corporation desires it for the benefit of its rural policyholders. The facility will be availed of in a phased manner as the need for it develops in each particular area.

**दिल्ली में परिवार नियोजन सप्ताह**

346. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :  
 श्री हुकम चन्व कछवाय :  
 श्री सुबोध हंसदा :  
 श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
 श्री भागवत झा आजाद :  
 श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
 श्री प्र० चं० बरुआ :  
 श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय :  
 श्री किन्दर लाल :

क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिसम्बर, 1965 में दिल्ली में परिवार नियोजन सप्ताह मनाया गया था

(ख) यदि हा, तो पिछले वर्ष का तुलना में इस वर्ष किये गये आपरेणनों की संख्या कितनी थी और उसमें वृद्धा तक सफलता मिली थी ; और

(ग) उस पर कितना व्यय हुआ है ?

स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन मंत्री (डा० सुशीला नायर) : (क) और (ख) जाँ हों। 18 से 24 दिसम्बर 1965 तक दिल्ली में मनाये गये परिवार नियोजन सप्ताह का गतिविधियाँ तथा उन गति

विधियों में भाग लेने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

गतिविधियाँ	भाग लेने वालों की संख्या
फिल्म शो—53	25195
प्रदर्शनियाँ—37	23533
सामूहिक बैठकें—57	15120
बर्ग बैठकें—466	11490
विविध प्रदर्शन—7	4075
पुनश्चर्या प्रशिक्षण शिविर—3	192
कठपुतलियों का खेल—11	2900
गोट्टियाँ—38	1903

100 बसों पर परिवार नियोजन संबंधी बोर्ड प्रदर्शित किये गये। परिवार नियोजन के बारे में विशेष पोस्टर लगाये गये तथा प्रचार सामग्री एवं गर्भ निराधक बाँटे गये। 620 बघयीकरण प्रोपेगेशन (बैक्कटांमा और ट्यूबेस्टांमा) किये गये तथा 1440 गर्भ-रोधक छल्ले लगाये गए जबकि 1964 में केवल 582 बन्ध्या-करण प्रोपेगेशन किये गये थे और 438 गर्भ-रोधक छल्ले लगाये गये थे।

(ग) 1964 में 9,474.02 रुपये के खर्च के विपरित 1965 में 8,130.10 रुपये खर्च किये गये।

#### Flu and Smallpox Epidemic in Delhi

247. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Shri Gulshan:

Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:

Shri S. C. Samanta:

Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Shri Hukam Chand

Kachhavaia:

Shri Bado:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been a large number of cases of flu and smallpox in Delhi since December 1965;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of deaths due to these diseases so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check these diseases?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The incidence of flu and smallpox in December, 1965 and January, 1966 is given below:—

#### FLU

December, 1965	9634
January, 1966	5126 (includes cases of upper respiratory tract infections)

#### SMALLPOX

December, 1965	36
January, 1966	54

(b) There have been 29 deaths due to smallpox during the above two months. No information is available of any case/s of death on account of flu. The increase in the incidence of flu and smallpox since December, 1965 is largely due to the characteristic seasonal variation of the diseases. The incidence of smallpox was largely due to the infection brought in by the migratory population.

(c) The following steps have been taken by Government to check these diseases:

- (i) Vaccination campaign has been intensified in all the areas and flying squads have been employed to cover all vulnerable areas.
- (ii) The affected areas are under surveillance.
- (iii) Health education and publicity measures have been intensified.