

SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: Sir, as early as 1955 the then Health Ministers' Conference had taken a decision to build up a school health service on a sound footing in collaboration with the Education Departments of the State Governments as also the Education Ministry here, to look after the preventive as also the curative aspects of diseases from which the school-going children suffer. I do not know the present condition or the stage of the scheme. But I would like to know whether the Government propose to resurrect, revamp and reorient this scheme keeping in view the suggestions made by Prof. Ramalingaswami.

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: As I have already stated, the Council of Medical Research have submitted the paper to the Government only recently. It is under examination. Once it is examined we will see what action we can take.

SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: All that the Minister has said about the operative part is that the matter is under the consideration of the Planning Commission. As far as I know, the Planning Commission has no pool of medical expertise or for the matter of that any other kind of expertise. In the circumstances, I would like to know whether Government propose to constitute a Committee of particularly medical scientists and knowledgeable Members of this House and maybe the other House also to consider this scheme, suggest modifications wherever necessary and present a practical scheme to be implemented in phases and stages. Naturally, because the disease is mostly found in unhygienic and backward areas, utmost priority will have to be given to the poverty stricken backward areas. What do the Government propose?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: About the first part, I would say 'No' because the Planning Commission has raised certain points. We are examining these points. Once this is examined we will see what we can do about it.

श्री० अजित कुमार बेहता : क्या सरकार ने कोई ऐसी सर्वेक्षण करवाया है यह जानने के लिए कि यह रोग देश के किस भाग में या किस राज्य में अधिक होता है और उतका कारण क्या है ?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: Sir, the rheumatic fever is not a notified disease. As such, we have no authentic figure with us. But I can say in 1978 we had some examination about it. About 4.2 per cent of the children are sick due to the defective circulatory system. That is why it is something which is causing concern to us. The Report is also with us. The Planning Commission have raised certain points. We will examine them and then we will see how we can proceed.

सारनाथ एक्सप्रेस को प्रतिदिन चलाने का प्रस्ताव

*842. श्री बलबीर सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या रेल प्रशासन सारनाथ, एक्सप्रेस को भिलाई से वाराणसी के बीच प्रतिदिन चलाने की मांग पर विचार कर रहा है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त मांग पर निर्णय कब तक कर लिया जायगा ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री बलबीर सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह प्रश्न मैंने इसलिए नहीं पूछा था कि "क्वेश्चन इज नाट एराइज" और "नोत्तर" यह उत्तर मिले। मेरा निवेदन यह है कि भिलाई से लेकर धरमज