

duplicated in places where there are already banks?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The introduction of cheques is presenting us with many difficulties. We will have to make an amendment in the Negotiable Instruments Act in order to bring the postal savings bank within the definition of a 'banker'; the rules and forms have got to be framed; and, thirdly, we have got to provide for necessary staff and organisation, we have also to provide for other things.

#### METAL HARROW

\*667. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new harrow made of metal has been designed by a member of the staff of the Engineering Institute of Anand, Bombay State;

(b) whether this harrow has been tried in any agricultural farm; and

(c) if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes. It has been designed at the Institute of Agriculture, Anand.

(b) and (c). It is still in an experimental stage.

**Shri Gidwani:** Nowhere has it been tried even on an experimental basis?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is being tried and that is why we call it being in an experimental stage.

**Shri Gidwani:** Can we have an idea of the results?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the names of the places where it is being tried. The Director himself says that it is in an experimental stage. He has reported that it is being tried.

**Shri Gidwani:** What is the cost of this harrow?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the details of prices. I have the various dimensions, but the cost has not

been given. Further efforts are being made to make it simpler still.

#### CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SERVICE SCHEME

\*668. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch contributory Health Service scheme for the employees in Delhi of the Central Government; and

(b) if so, when is this scheme likely to be launched?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme will be introduced early in the next financial year.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know what the nature of the scheme is and whether this scheme is going to cover all the categories of all employees of the Government of India?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Yes, Sir. The scheme will cover all the categories of the Government of India employees in Delhi and New Delhi.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What is the cost involved in implementing this scheme?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I think the cost will be between Rs. 14 and 14.25 lakhs a year.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Is it also contemplated in this scheme to introduce compulsory health insurance of the employees of the Central Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Inasmuch as all the employees of the Central Government will pay a graded scale of contribution, it may be said to be a health insurance in that sense of the term.

#### RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSIONS

\*669. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applicants for posts advertised by the