

unfit are guaranteed alternate employment without any pecuniary loss; and

(c) whether a test of this nature was a condition of their employment at the time of appointment?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) All categories of operational staff were till recently being subjected to annual visual tests. It has now been decided that only certain categories of officials should be subjected to the annual tests, the others being tested once in two years.

(b) As far as practicable, alternative appointments are offered to the staff who are declared medically unfit in these tests, without pecuniary loss, if possible.

(c) Visual fitness was always a condition of service; but the present standards which are necessary for ensuring safe aircraft operations were laid down late in 1949.

OVERHAUL OF ROLLING STOCK

*1886. { Shri T. K. Chandhuri:
Shri Waghmare:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that periodical overhauling of rolling stock is now being done in some train examining depots; and

(b) if so, the number and location of such depots and the results achieved?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, in a few Depots.

(b) A statement showing the location of Depots which undertake the periodical overhaul of rolling stock as a temporary measure is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 41.]

The results achieved have been quite satisfactory.

MALARIA IN ORISSA

*1887. **Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the aid given to the Government of Orissa in 1953 for prevention of malaria; and

(b) the progress achieved till the end of 1953 in that State?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Free supplies of D.D.T., transport, 90 per cent. of spraying equipment and anti-malaria drugs at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2,20,554 were made to the Government of Orissa in 1953.

(b) Up to the end of December, 1953 1,48,444 houses had been sprayed with D.D.T., thus affording protection from Malaria to 7,42,220 persons approximately.

VILLAGE LEVEL WORKERS

*1892. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the training of village level workers so far; and

(b) the pay and allowances given to them in their duty?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) An expenditure of about Rs. 18.8 lakhs has been incurred upto 31st March, 1953. Figures of expenditure incurred during 1953-54 are not yet available.

(b) A stipend upto Rs. 50 p.m. has been sanctioned for each trainee during the training period. The actual rate of stipend paid to the trainees, however, varies from State to State.

ALLOTMENT OF FOODGRAINS TO TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*1896. **Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how much rice and wheat was asked by the Travancore-Cochin State Government from the Centre for the year 1953 and how much was allotted?