

**ANTI-MALARIAL CAMPAIGN IN
KORAPUT**

*999. **Shri Sauganna:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) when the anti-malarial campaign was carried out in the Rayagada-Birsamcu Hack hills of Koraput District (Orissa) under the auspices of the World Health Organisation;

(b) the total expenditure incurred under the Scheme;

(c) when the Scheme was wound up;

(d) what has happened to the working equipments and the official machinery of the Scheme; and

(e) whether the accounts maintained under the Scheme were audited by the State Government auditors or the Central Government auditors.

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) From May, 1949, to May 1951.

(b) The information is being obtained and will be furnished as soon as it is available.

(c) In May, 1951.

(d) On withdrawal of the WHO Team, all the equipment used by the team was taken over on a loan basis by the leader of the local team provided by the Government of Orissa.

(e) The accounts in respect of the advances paid by the Government of India have been submitted to the Accountant General Central Revenues, New Delhi, for admitting the expenditure in audit. No information is available with the Government of India as to whether the accounts of the State Government have been audited. The information has been called for.

I. A. S. AND I. P. S.

*1000. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many candidates in I.A.S. and I.P.S. were interviewed and selected in 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) whether the standard of interview and examination in such selections was lowered down; and

(c) how many such vacancies are arising this year and whether any notice has been issued by the Central Government?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) I presume the hon. Member refers to the *viva voce* interviews conducted by the Union Public Service Commission as part of the Combined Competitive Examinations for Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and other Services. Only those candidates, who attain a certain standard in the written part of the examination, are called up for the *viva voce* interview and only those candidates, who attain the minimum standard in the *viva voce* interview as well as in the combined total of written and *viva voce* marks, are declared to have qualified for appointment. Actual appointments to the Services are made in the order of merit up to the number of vacancies to be filled, subject to the reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A statement relating to the competitive examinations held in 1950 and 1951 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 32.]

(b) No.

(c) The approximate numbers of vacancies to be filled in the Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service on the results of the competitive examination to be held in September 1952 are 30 and 35 respectively. The Union Public Service Commission have already issued a Press Note to that effect.

FARRUKHNAGAR-JHAJJAR RAILWAY LINE

*1001. **Shri Bansal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Branch Line from Farrukhnagar to Jhajjar and link it up with Kosli or Hissar; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to implement the scheme?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT OF RICE

*1002. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of rice imported into India during the years 1950-51, 1951-52?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): In 1950-51, 4.99 lakhs tons and in 1951-52, 6.86 lakhs tons of Rice was imported.