

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** That will depend on the requirements of the efficient running of the workshops. We are leaving those minor details to the management.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know if the amount of Rs. 7 lakhs that has been spent is only for the building, because the workshop according to the Report of the Authority for 1952-53 was to cost Rs. 20 lakhs?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** The hon. Member is slightly wrong in regard to figures. The total cost of the workshop is going to be Rs. 12 lakhs out of which we have spent Rs. 7 lakhs already. We are purchasing machinery worth Rs. 50,000 this year.

#### POPULATION CONTROL

\*443. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken for population control in the country;

(b) whether the work of the three pilot schemes for population control—two in Delhi and one in Mysore, launched by Government, has been completed; and

(c) whether any report has been submitted to Government in this regard?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) to (c). A note containing the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 70.]

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** From the statement it appears that on the recommendation of the Family Planning Research Committee a sum of Rs. 4,25,000 has been sanctioned. May I know how much has been given to Hyderabad State out of this amount?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The Family Planning Association of Hyderabad has received Rs. 14,884.

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** May I know what are the other recommendations of this Committee?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The recommendations of the Committee have been laid on the Table of the House before. There were several recommendations, most of which have been accepted by Government and are being acted upon.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** May I know what work has been done so far by the States which have been allotted this amount?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I have not so far received reports from the States, because the money has only been given very recently.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether it is not a fact that the Conference of Population Experts which met in Rome in 1953 in which India also participated kept out of the purview of discussions the subject of family planning as an effective measure of population control as was reported by the Press? May I also know whether India's representative, if any, submitted a report about this to the Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I think a report has been submitted and, as far as I remember, what the hon. Member says is correct.

#### BHAVNAGAR-TARAPUR RAILWAY LINE

\*445. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 206 given on the 22nd February, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the construction of the Bhavnagar-Tarapur line; and

(b) if so, when the construction work would start?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether any of the persons or organisations who had protested against the construction of this line, have now withdrawn their protest?

**Shri Alagesan:** Several representations have been received both for and against the construction of this line. I do not have the names of organisations that have expressed their opinion. In all 54 representations were received: of these 15 were in favour and 39 against. Those who were against the project, proposed alternative projects.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know how long it will take to take a decision on this matter?

**Shri Alagesan:** Surveys of other lines also have been ordered along with this and when all the survey reports are received, it will be time to take a decision.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri P. C. Bose—Absent.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Sir, I have got his written authority to put the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then it will come at the end.

#### CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SERVICE SCHEME

\*451. **Ch. Raghbir Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Contributory Health Service Scheme has been welcomed by the Government employees;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this Scheme to other States also; and

(c) the names of the States which have accepted this Scheme?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) The Scheme has been generally welcomed by the Government employees.

(b) Not at present.

(c) No State Government has so far introduced a similar scheme for its employees.

**Ch. Raghbir Singh:** May I know whether this scheme is applicable to all sorts of Central Government employees?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Yes, all sorts of government employees in Delhi come under this scheme.

**Ch. Raghbir Singh:** May I know the details of facilities given to the employees under this scheme?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** They have dispensaries, out-door treatment, in-door hospital treatment and domiciliary treatment for themselves and their families.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know if it is a fact that under the scheme the doctor has to meet the cost of the mixtures that he prescribes and that only patent medicines will be supplied from the Government stores?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** No, Sir, if the hon. Member could visit any of the dispensaries he would find that it has got a good stock of medicines and the doctor does not have to pay for them.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** How is the contribution of these employees fixed? Is it some percentage of the pay that they get or is it some fixed amount? And the low paid staff have to pay under the scheme?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** It is a fixed amount and the papers have been laid on the Table of the House many a time. Subscriptions run from eight annas per month for the lowest paid government employees to Rs. 12 a month for the highest.

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\*४५२. सेंट गॉथिन्स हास : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कितन कितन महासंडों (जानों) में १९५४ में जानल वापसी टिकट प्रचलित किये गये हैं ?