

aid of National Filaria Control Programme and whether the State gave in undertaking that it would eventually meet all the cost for continued maintenance of the programme beyond the period for which the aforesaid aid lasts ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) : An offer was made but the Government of Assam have not so far agreed to participate in the National Filaria Control Programme.

Chakmaghat Hydro-electric and Flood Moderation Scheme

***901. Shri Biren Dutt :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2056 on the 12th September, 1956 and State :

(a) whether any steps have so far been taken to implement the scheme known as "Chakmaghat Hydro-Electric and Flood Moderation Scheme" of Tripura ; and

(b) if so, the amount that has already been spent and on what items ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Preliminary investigations of the Scheme have been taken up.

(b) Rs. 815 have been spent so far on these investigations.

Food Situation in Orissa

***902. Shri B. C. Das :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether the food situation in Orissa has deteriorated during the recent few weeks ;

(b) whether Government of Orissa have requested the Centre for a loan to enable it to purchase and stock foodstuff suitable for consumption by the people of Orissa ; and

(c) whether the Government of Orissa have drawn the attention of the Centre to the fact that the Zonal system introduced by the Food Ministry is adversely affecting the food position of Orissa ; and whether free export of rice from Orissa is a cause of the deficit food position of the State ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) No Zonal Scheme has so far been introduced though some discussions were held with the State Govts. Last year Orissa suffered heavily from drought and

floods, but this year the crop is good and the State is expected to be surplus in rice.

N.E.S. Blocks in Manipur during the Second Five Year Plan

***905. Shri Rishang Keishing :** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Extension Service Blocks and Multipurpose Development Blocks to be sanctioned for Manipur during the Second Five Year Plan ;

(b) the number of officers trained so far as village level workers, Blocks or Project Officers, Social and Education Officers etc., and

(c) the steps taken by the State Government to train officers to avoid undue delay of any development schemes for dearth of trained Officers during the Second Five Year Plan ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) 12 N.E.S. Blocks including one multipurpose development Block.

(b) Number of personnel trained upto 31-10-1956.

(i) Project Executive Officers' Block Development Officers	6
(ii) Social Education Organisers	9
(iii) Extension Officers (Cottage Industries)	2
(iv) Village Level Workers	
(a) Basic	10
(b) Extension	46

(c) Training of Block Development Officers, Social Education Organisers and Extension Officers (Cottage Industries) is arranged by this Ministry. As there is no Extension Training Centre in Manipur, the Village Level Workers are trained in the Extension Training Centre at Jorhat in Assam. Allotment of Blocks to all States including Manipur is made only after adequate number of trained personnel is available to man the blocks. Training programme is so arranged that as far as possible the progress of development schemes is not held up for want of trained personnel.

Hospitals for Children

***908. Shri A. K. Gopalan :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any schemes in the Second Five Year Plan to open more hospitals for children in India ;