

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the note giving recommendations for a District Tuberculosis Control Programme, *inter-alia* supporting domiciliary treatment of tuberculosis patients, as circulated to Administrative Medical Officers in the States and Union Territories, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1486/62].

Rihand Power to D.V.C.

156. { Shrimati Renu
Chakravarty;
Shri Mohammad Elias:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how much power is being used by D.V.C. grid from Rihand;

(b) how much more will be available; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the whole of D.V.C. grid has not been linked with Rihand grid?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) 20 MW at 100% load factor, under normal conditions.

(b) Nil.

(c) The two systems have been linked, but they are not operating in parallel with each other.

Drinking Water Supply in West Bengal

157. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 929 on the 22nd May, 1962, and State:

(a) the amount allocated for the Water Supply Schemes in Third Plan for Bhatpara, Dumdum, North Dumdum, South Dumdum and their respective water supply capacity sanctioned;

(b) how far these schemes have been completed;

(c) the progress recorded in the water supply schemes at Baranagar, Kamarhati, Bhatpara (phase I) in Second and Third Plans; and

(d) how far water supply has improved in the respective municipalities?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected from the Government of West Bengal and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Telephones

158. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones per 1000 inhabitants in (i) India as a whole, (ii) urban parts of the country and (iii) rural parts of the country; and

(b) how these figures compare with corresponding figures for Asia as a whole and highly-developed countries in Europe?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) (i) 1.1 Telephone per 1000 of population.

(ii) & (iii). Almost all the telephones are in urban parts of the country.

(b) —

| Name of Country. | Tele-phones per 1000 Population |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| India | 1.1 |
| Asia | 5.0 |
| France | 95.0 |
| Sweden | 360.8 |
| Switzerland | 305.5 |
| West Germany | 107.0 |
| U.K. | 156.9 |

Zonal Medical Colleges

159. **Shri N. K. Laskar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any zonal medical college or colleges are functioning in

different parts of our country at present;

(b) if so, their total number;

(c) whether there are proposals to start new zonal medical colleges;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is considering to start a zonal medical college at Silchar, Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Proposals were received from the Governments of Assam, Orissa and Nagaland through the Eastern Zonal Council for the establishment of zonal medical colleges in their respective State. The proposals were not accepted on the grounds that:—

1. The West Bengal State has a surplus of doctors and the neighbouring areas like Assam and Orissa can attract these surplus doctors by giving suitable incentives.
2. The needs of Union Territories like Manipur, Tripura and N.E.F.A. and also of Nagaland are fully met by the existing system of reservation of seats in various medical colleges in the country for candidates from these areas.
3. It was also felt that the medical colleges which were recently started in Orissa and Assam should be fully and properly equipped before setting out to implement another project.

Recently the Chief Minister of Orissa has repeated the request of his Government and the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have also sought to raise the question of establishment of zonal medical colleges in their respective States through the Central Zonal Council. The proposals are under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Post Offices in Villages

160. { Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Rawandale:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri J. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the total number of fresh applications received to open new post offices in villages (State-wise) by October, 1962 this year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): A statement is laid on the table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 18].

Sale of Railway Time Table on Book Stalls on Northern Railway

161. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of copies of Railway Time Table through the book stalls on Northern Railway has been stopped and the work has been entrusted to the staff working at enquiries and reservation offices of the Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the copies of the Railway Time Table enforceable from 1st October, 1962 were not available at the counter on the 1st October, 1962; and

(d) when it was published and why it was not made available for sale?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Sale of Time Tables through book stalls has not been stopped. 50% copies of Northern Railway Time Tables are sold through Reservation/Enquiry/Booking offices and the remaining 50%