

April, 1961, in New Delhi to discuss various items relating to yellow fever and other allied quarantine matters. The Directors of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases and the Indian Council of Medical Research are the regular members of the Committee, but the representatives from the W.H.O., Ceylon and Pakistan were also specially invited to attend the meeting to discuss quarantine matters of common interest.

(b) India is free from yellow fever. Hence the importance of quarantine etc. to prevent its introduction into our country. The question of eradicating this disease therefore does not arise. Measures to prevent the introduction of yellow fever into India, were discussed.

Transmission for Grid

2818. Shri Shri Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study is being made under the Indo-French Technical assistance to evolve any new system of transmission for the grid; and

(b) if so, the precise nature of the problems which are being studied?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) The studies relate to the Eastern Regional Grid (comprising the power systems in the States of Bihar and West Bengal including the DVC system and Orissa) and are being carried out with a view to evolve the requirements of transmission system by the end of 4th Plan period and also to obtain a broad long-term picture of generation and transmission requirements for the 5th and 6th Plan periods.

V.D. in Kerala

2820. Shri Koya: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme for the cure of venereal diseases in Kerala State on the lines of suggestions made by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene in India; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). There is no scheme under consideration of Government in Kerala State on the lines of suggestions made by the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene in India. However, under the Centrally-aided V.D. Control Programme being operated in the country during the Second and the Third Five Year Plans six District V.D. Clinics have been established in Kerala State. Central assistance to the extent of 75 per cent. non-recurring and 50 per cent recurring expenditure is being provided to the State Government. In addition to this, PAM is being supplied free of cost for the V.D. clinics and stipends are granted to the candidates sponsored by the State Government for training in V.D. Control.

Malaria Epidemic in Kerala

2821. Shri Koya: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria is still rampant in certain cities in Kerala; and

(b) whether Government have decided to withdraw the National Malaria Eradication Team; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) All the 14.5 National Malaria Eradication Programme units functioning in the State, after achievement