

Central Government hospitals in Old Delhi, New Delhi and Delhi Cantonment?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): 1,119.

GRAM SEVAKS

*257. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the names of centres opened in the Punjab State to train *Gram Sevaks* or Village Level Workers; and

(b) what method is adopted to select these trainees?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) (i) Extension Training Centre, Nilokheri.

(ii) Extension Training Centre, Batala.

(b) The procedure for selection of the trainees is as follows:—

Initial selection is made by the State Government, of 20 per cent. more than the number of candidates required, through a Selection Board consisting of the State Development Commissioner, the Director of Agriculture, the Principal of the Training Centre in which the *Gram Sevaks* are to be trained and one or two non-officials. The main features of the selection are a ploughing test and interview to judge the personality, physical fitness and general knowledge etc. of the candidates. After admission to the Training Centre a record of the day to day progress of each individual trainee both in the class and in field is maintained through a card system and after a month weeding-out of the unsuitable candidates is done on the basis of the progress indicated in their cards.

फाइलेरिया

*२५८. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन किन क्षेत्रों में फाइलेरिया रोग बहुत फैला हुआ है तथा इस रोग से लगभग कितने व्यक्ति ग्रस्त हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सत्य है कि यह रोग पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश में बहुत फैला हुआ है; तथा

(ग) इस रोग को रोकने के लिये सरकार किन उपायों के करने का विचार करती है ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). *Filaria* is most prevalent in the States of Saurashtra, Travancore-Cochin, Madras, Andhra, Hyderabad, Orissa, West Bengal, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, and to a lesser extent in the States of Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh and Assam.

In the absence of a country-wide *filaria* survey, it is not possible to state the actual number of cases suffering from filariasis, but 20 to 25 millions is a rough estimate.

(c) Although Public Health is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and steps to check the incidence of the disease should be taken by them, a scheme for the control of filariasis, on a nation wide scale has been prepared by the Central Government, as a part of the Five Year Plan, and the State Governments where filariasis is a problem, have been invited to participate in the scheme.

NAGPUR AIR CRASH

22. **Shrimati Kamalendu Mati Shah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation, if any, paid to the families of the victims of the Nagpur Air Crash;

(b) whether any compulsory insurance scheme has been or is proposed to be introduced for air passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Indian Airlines Corporation is making arrangements to pay to the families or the nominees of the crew, who were

killed in the accident, the following amounts for which they had been insured:

F/O R. L. Rodgers, Co-pilot,
Rs. 12,500.

Mr. T. R. N. Rajan, Radio Officer
Rs. 10,000.

Mr. M. A. C. McLeod, Flight Purser
Rs. 8,000.

The amount of compensation to be paid to Capt. D. A. J. Cartner, Commander of the ill-fated aircraft, who is the sole survivor, will depend upon the nature of his injuries and the period of his disablement. The amount can be assessed only after his discharge from the hospital. No compensation has been paid to the families of the passengers killed in the crash.

(b) and (c). The Corporation have been asked to consider the question of compulsory insurance of all air passengers. Their reply is awaited.

MEDIUM TERM LOANS

23. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far allotted, year-wise, by the Centre to Rajasthan under the scheme of providing medium term loans to agriculturists under the Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount spent in Rajasthan, out of the allotment of Rs. 2 crores in pursuance of the re-settlement scheme for landless agricultural workers under the Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The tentative allocation for medium and long term loans to Rajasthan during 1953-54 and 1954-55, outside the normal allocation for Grow More Food is Rs. 20 lakhs. Necessary allotment of funds will be made after scrutiny of the schemes yet to be received from the State Government.

(b) Nil.

DHANBAD SUB-EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

24. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the number of employees recruited by Sindri Fertilizer factory, Maithon Dam and Panchet Dam through the Dhanbad Sub-Employment Exchange and other Employment Exchanges in the year 1953?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

राष्ट्रीय राजपथ

२५. श्री राधेलाल व्यास : क्या याता-यात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों में कितने मील लम्बे राष्ट्रीय राजपथ हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix I, annexeure No. 47.]

AIR TRANSPORT SUBSIDY

26. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of subsidy in the form of rebate, paid to the Indian air transport companies during 1953-54 giving the names of the companies and the amount paid to each;

(b) whether the Air Corporations now working continue to receive this rebate; and

(c) if so, the amount paid to each Corporation?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) An amount of Rs. 2,38,578 was paid to the air transport companies during the current financial year on account of petrol tax subsidy. The subsidy was in force upto the 31st December, 1952 only and the amount also includes arrears of subsidy due for the earlier