

the position as on the 31st March 1950, but even these are only provisional, as complete data are still awaited from the Government of West Bengal.

(d) Mileage of all-weather roads = 1,24,996.

(e) Mileage of motorable roads = 1,87,421.

मध्य प्रदेश में कुष्ठ निवारण केन्द्र

७६. श्री मगन लाल बागड़ी : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) पंच वर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में कितने कुष्ठ निवारण केन्द्र हैं ;

(ख) ये केन्द्र कौन कौन से स्थानों में हैं ; और

(ग) इन में से प्रत्येक केन्द्र में कितने कुष्ठ रोगी रखने की व्यवस्था है और कितने रोगी वास्तव में वहाँ रह रहे हैं ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumri Amrit Kaur): (a) Two.

(b) At Raipur and Amravati.

(c) There is accommodation for 250 and 120 patients at Raipur and Amravati, respectively, the number of patients at the former place being 246 and at the latter 147.

PROVIDENT FUND FOR TEA GARDEN LABOURERS

77. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made demanding provident fund for the employees of Tea Plantations; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) Yes.

(b) The question of extending the provisions of the Employees' Provident

Funds Act, 1952, to the employees of tea-plantations is at present under consideration.

CANNING FACTORY FOR PRESERVATION OF FISH OIL

78. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantity of Sardines and Mackerels hauled in the Malabar Coast from Cape Comorin to Cassergode annually from the year 1950 to 1954;

(b) whether, in view of the usual plentiful supplies of Sardines, Government propose to start a canning factory for the preservation of Sardines of Malabar for consumption in the interior parts of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The estimated catches of Sardines and Mackerels in the Malabar coast from Cape Comorin to Kassergode for the years 1950—53 are:

	(In tons)			
	1950	1951	1952	1953
Mackerels	80,552	66,352	27,830	15,139
Sardines	52,199	40,292	35,456	53,389

Figures for 1954 are not available.

(b) No.

(c) Due to the uncertainty of the appearance of Sardine shoals on Malabar Coast commercial success of canning industry is doubtful until the fishery can be developed at a sustained annual yield.

AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

79. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of holding the State Agriculture Ministers' Conference in Kashmir recently;

(b) the recommendations of this Conference;