

**OFFICIALS IN MINES AND FACTORIES**

**852. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central Government officers who have been stationed in Bihar Mica area for the administration of departments concerned with Mines and Factories; and

(b) the arrangements that have been made for their housing and for the maintenance of Government offices?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai):** (a) (i) *Mines Department:* Two.

(ii) *Factories Department:* Nil. (The administration of the Factories Act, 1948, is the responsibility of the State Government).

(b) Both the officers are at present residing in rented accommodation. Construction of office and residential accommodation at one station is in progress.

**RURAL HEALTH**

**853. Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken so far by the Central Health Council to solve the problem of rural health in India; and

(b) the amount spent on improving the health services in Malnad in 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) The Central Council of Health is an advisory body composed of the Health Ministers of the State Governments and presided over by the Union Health Minister and the implementation of the recommendations made by the Council is the concern of the Central and State Governments. In so far as the Central Government are concerned, the recommendations of the Council are taken into consideration in formulating all India policy in health matters and drawing up

plans and schemes which have to be implemented by the Government of India themselves. As far as the State Governments are concerned the recommendations of the Central Council of Health are brought to their notice for necessary action. A copy of the resolutions passed by the Central Council of Health at its three meetings concerning the improvement of rural health in India is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. S-127/55.]

(b) The amount spent on the improvement of health services in Malnad during 1954-55 was approximately Rs. 16 lakhs.

**POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDENTS  
IN U.S.A.**

**854. Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of students from Mysore State and Kannada speaking areas of Madras, Bombay, Hyderabad and Coorg who were sent to U.S.A. by Government for Post-Graduate Medical Education during the years 1953-54 and 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** One student from Mysore was sent to the U.S.A. in 1953-54.

The Government of India have no information about the linguistic zones to which students selected for foreign training belong. From the information that is available, no student from the Kannada speaking areas of Madras, Hyderabad, Bombay and Coorg was sent to the U.S.A. in 1953-54 and 1954-55.

**PASSENGER AMENITIES**

**855. Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the Birur and Hubli Railway Stations waiting room accommodation is inadequate to cope with the needs of passengers;

(b) whether Government propose to construct more waiting rooms at these two stations; and