

dredging. The expected draughts would be known after the scheme for improvement of the draughts is finalised.

(c) The main constraint in achieving the desired draught for Calcutta Port is Balari Bar, upstream of Haldia. According to present data, the Farakka waters have had no impact over this bar.

(d) Adequate dredging operations are in progress over the Balari bar on the navigation channel to the Port of Calcutta and other bars downstream of Haldia on the shipping channel from sea to Haldia Port. A terminal for pumping part of the dredged material to the shore is under operation. Rest of the dredged material is dumped in predetermined places so that ebb tide carries away most of it.

Siltation of Balari and approach channel to Haldia is mainly caused by unfavourable morphological changes in the estuary.

Inspection Carriages

4521. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost involved every year in the maintenance, haulage including salary of the staff for maintaining the officers' carriages utilised for inspection, carriages or saloons all over India, Zone-wise; and

(b) the cost of six-wheeler and four-wheeler as well as special carriages which are being utilised by the General Managers and Heads of Divisions and Chairman?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Inspection carriages used by Officers form a part of overall coaching fleet for purpose of repair and maintenance and haulage. Therefore no separate records are maintained.

(b) As no new Inspection Carriages have been built in the recent past, the present day costs of these Inspection Carriages are not available. The Inspection Carriages currently in use have been mostly built between 1900 and 1940 and their recorded book values are as under:

TYPE BROAD GAUGE METRE GAUGE

4/6 Wheelers	Rs. 27,315 to	Not
	Rs. 80,000.	available
8 Wheelers	Rs. 77,005 to	Rs. 55,218 to
	Rs. 1,20,000,	Rs. 75,437

Cases of Filariasis and Hydrocele in Ramnad District

4522. SHRI N. SOUNDARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many cases of Filariasis and Hydrocele diseases in Ramnad District particularly in Mesalur village; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to open a district health centre in this area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHARANJAN LASKAR): (a), (b) and (c). Infection rate for Filariasis in Ramnad District is only 2.2 per cent in Urban areas and only 0.3 per cent in Rural areas, based on the last survey carried out in 1957-64. The National Filariasis Control Programme is being implemented in urban areas where the rate of incidence is 5 per cent or more, and as such, Ramnad District does not qualify for setting up of an Urban Filariasis Control Unit. Studies are being conducted to develop a rural filariasis programme as suitable mechanism for that purpose does not exist at present.

Hydrocele is mainly a result of filaria like elephantiasis.

यमुना बिहार में अस्पताल/श्रीषघालय का खोला जाना

4523. श्री चन्द्र पाल शैलानी : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यमुना बिहार में जल-मल विकास की व्यवस्था न होने के कारण वहां पर व्याप्त अस्वास्थ्यप्रद परिस्थितियों के फलस्वरूप वहां के निवासियों के स्वास्थ्य पर पड़ने वाले बुरे प्रभावों की जानकारी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार का इस कालोनी में एक अस्पताल अथवा श्रीषघालय को खोलने का विचार है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नीहार रंजन लस्कर) : (क) दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने सूचित किया है कि इस कालोनी में कोई अस्वास्थ्यप्रद परिस्थितियां नहीं हैं क्योंकि वहां पर मल-निपटान के लिए शोष-गर्त (सॉकपिट्स) पहले ही मौजूद हैं।

(ख) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि यमुना-बिहार में एक श्रीषघालय खोलने का सिद्धान्त रूप में निर्णय ले लिया गया है।

(ग) जैसे ही भूमि अलाट हो जायेगी तथा अन्य श्रीषचारिकतायें पूरी हो जायेंगी, वैसे, इस समय इस कालोनी के निवासियों को चिकित्सा सुविधायें प्रदान करने के लिए दिल्ली नगर निगम का एक गस्ती श्रीषघालय हर मंगलवार तथा शुक्रवार को नियमित रूप से इस इलाके में जाता है।

Visit of Representative of Indian Medical Council to Darbhanga Medical College

4524. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the representatives of the Indian Council of Medical Research last visited the Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital and the main drawbacks pointed by them; and

(b) how far the remedial measures have been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The reference is obviously to the Medical Council of India. An inspection of the facilities available for undergraduate training of Darbhanga Medical College was carried out in February, 1979 by an Inspector of the Medical Council of India. The Inspector's report lists the following deficiencies/recommendations:—

(i) the admission of scheduled caste students securing 35 per cent marks only at the common competitive examination was contrary to the Council's recommendations.

(ii) The scheme of the various University examinations and schedule of clinical postings during the training should be suitably modified as per the Council's recommendations. The results of the II Professional supplementary examination, held in 1977, should be declared and arrangements for holding various professional examinations due in 1978 should be made urgently.

(iii) A central record department should be established. Adequate accommodation and additional staff should be sanctioned.

(iv) The vacant posts in the various departments should be filled.