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#### Refund of Security Deposits

**3626. Shri Ram Garib:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of some Indian contractors for refund of their security deposits made with the Indian Railways for the works executed in India before Partition are lying undisposed of for a period of more than ten years;

(b) if so, the number of such cases, the period for which each case had been pending and the reasons for delay in the disposal of each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that the East Bengal Railway authorities have refused to verify such claims on the plea that the works being executed entirely in India they had no concern in the matter; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to dispose of such cases speedily on the basis of evidence available in India?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes Sir. As the claims were not being verified by Pakistan Railways with the records which were left with them on partition, it was agreed between the Governments of India and Pakistan in 1955 that verification of the claims would be obtained through the Central Claims Organizations set up in the two countries. Verifications in the cases have not yet been obtained from Pakistan.

(b) to (d). The information is being collected from Railways and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

#### D.D.T. Spray in M.Ps. Flats in New Delhi

**3627. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no D.D.T. is sprinkled in the flats of

M.Ps. in North and South Avenues, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed for the spray of D.D.T. in these Avenues?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Yes.

(b) The main method of control of Malaria and mosquitoes in the Urban Area is by anti-level measures i.e., by treating the mosquito breeding places with larvicides systematically. The spraying of the houses is normally done in specified belts of areas such as along the river Jamuna, along the irrigated garden tracts situated in the North Western part of Delhi Urban Area, where malaria carrying mosquitoes are encountered. The purpose of spraying selected parts with D.D.T. is to create a D.D.T. barrier against vester mosquitoes likely to infiltrate into the urban area. In addition to these areas, some rehabilitation colonies situated on the outskirts of Urban Area are also included in the D.D.T. spraying programme.

In the Urban Area there is a special checking staff who on receipt of any complaints of mosquito nuisance visit the particular areas and carry out thorough larval searches. On spotting out the mosquito breeding places immediate application of larvicides is arranged through the staff of the local bodies concerned and checking of the efficacy of the measures is carried out by the staff of the Anti-malaria operations in Delhi. The Anti-malaria Operations staff however, arrange for spraying any particular residences on request in the avenues or other areas.

#### Roads in Punjab State

**3628. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 738 on the 28th February, 1958, and state the progress since made with