

प्रतिरक्षा विभाग के प्रसैनिक कर्मचारियों के लिये प्रशसदायी स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना लागू करने की प्रस्तावना के बारे में क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करवकर) : दिल्ली छावनी में काम करने वाले प्रतिरक्षा विभाग के सभी श्रेणियों के प्रसैनिक कर्मचारियों के लिये प्रशसदायी स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना लागू करने की प्रस्तावना प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय के परामर्श में अभी तक विचाराधीन है।

#### Agricultural Lands

324 Shri Ram Garib: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of agricultural lands yielding only one crop in a year due to shortage of irrigation facilities,

(b) the total area under such cultivation, and

(c) the step taken by the Central and State Governments to irrigate such areas by constructing wells etc ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) Specific information asked for is not available. However, according to land utilization statistics, 1955-56 (Provisional), the estimated area yielding only one crop is 273.88 million acres.

(c) The total area estimated to have been benefited from different Minor Irrigation Schemes during the First Plan was of the order of 95 million acres. During the Second Plan an area of about 9 million acres is targeted to be covered by various types of Minor Irrigation Schemes including Construction of Tubewells, Surface Wells, etc., at an estimated cost of Rs. 78 crores.

#### Snake-Bite Cases

325. Shri Baghwanath Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who died of snake-bite in India during 1955;

(b) the number of people who were admitted to hospitals and the number of those among them who were cured and of those who died, and

(c) whether any remarkable progress has been made by the Indian Experts or Drug Research Institutes in finding out any unfailing remedy for snake-bite?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b) The information is not available. But it is estimated that the number of persons in India bitten annually by snakes is about 20 lakhs and about 8 per cent of the persons so bitten die. The annual estimated mortality is about 15,000 to 20,000.

(c) Anti-venom serum is being manufactured in India in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements.

#### देवरिया छावनी स्टेशन पर दुर्घटना

३२६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ४ जनवरी, १९५६ को प्रातः ४ बजकर ३२ मिनट पर ६ अप इलाहाबाद-गोरखपुर एक्सप्रेस ट्रेन देवरिया छावनी स्टेशन पर भट जाने वाली एक मालगाडी से टकरा गई,

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि एक्सप्रेस ट्रेन के इजन ने मालगाडी के इजन को कई मील तक पीछे ढकेल दिया, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो दुर्घटना का कारण क्या है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बें० रामस्वामी):

(क) ४-१-५६ को सुबह लगभग ४ बजकर ३२ मिनट पर जब न० ६