

(b) and (c) Although some representations have been received in this regard, it is not proposed to open a Jnani Dispensary in Mehrauli Bndar-lur Road as under the Central Government Health Scheme such dispensaries cannot be opened in every area, but are opened in selected areas where there is a large concentration of Government employees.

**C.G.H.S. Dispensary Pushp Vihar,
New Delhi**

2161. PROF. SOURENDRA
BHATTACHARJEE: SHRI
PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only one C.G.H.S. Allopathic dispensary in Mehrauli, Badarpur Road (Pushp Vihar), New Delhi, and that too in the one corner of the locality,

(b) whether any representations have been received by the Government from the Residents Welfare Associations of the area requesting the Government to shift the said dispensary to a Central place or to open a new Allopathic dispensary in the same locality;

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter by the Government; and

(d) by when Government propose to open another dispensary or to shift the existing dispensary in a Central place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b.) Yes.

(c) and (d) In the absence of suitable accommodation in the Central area, there is no proposal for the present to shift the dispensary. There is also no proposal to open any new dispensary.

Number of Carriages

2162. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI
B. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of carriages in working condition with the Indian Railways; and

(b) whether Government propose to stop the facility given to the Railway officers to travel in special carriages in view of the general shortage of carriages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average number of carriages (PCVs & OCVs) for public use on Indian Railways in working condition for the month of September, 1980 are as follows:

Gauge	Average No. on Line.	Average No. in Working Conditions.
B.G.	18300	15709 (86%)
M.G.	11938	10483 (88%)
N.G.	1470	1388 (94%)
(Figures in vehicle units)		

tours for specific purposes connected with the maintenance and operation of Railways. They cannot be used for general service. Besides, stoppage of the facility of inspection carriages will not be in the interest of maintaining supervision and managerial control on the system.

**Introduction of Railway Line from
Dindigul of Karur on Southern Railway**

2163. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 178 given in the

Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 1930 and to state:

(a,) whether the construction of Karur-Dindigul new railway line will be taken up for execution in the current year; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) The project can be taken up only after the clearance of the Planning Commission is received and necessary funds are allotted.

Expenditure on N.M.E.P.

2164. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI ARVIND GANESH
KULKARNI

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state whether National Malaria Eradication Programme consumes about 40 per cent of the total Health Ministry's Budget and if so, what are the figures in this regard for the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): The requisite information is as under:—

(Figures in thousands of Rupees)

Year	Plan Budget for N.M.E.P.	Total Plan Budget (Deptt. of Health)	Percentage of NMEP. budget to Total Plan Budget.
1978-79	74,02,75	1,45,23,15	50.97
1979-80	74,94,48	1,54,42,89	48.53
1980-81	44,50,00	1,07,83,16	41.26

1980-81 data is related to the 50:50 Sharing arrangement between Centre and States.

Eradiation of Killer Malaria

2165. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-KAR
ADIVAREKAR: SHRI N. K. P.
SALVE;

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 'Killer Malaria' Plasmodium falciparum, which first entered India in 1975 has claimed a high toll of life; if so, the number of human lives claimed by it so far, and the number of cases of the disease reported so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps have so far been taken to eradicate this ghastly disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No. The Plasmodium falciparum had been prevalent in India before the year 1975 also; but due to the effective implementation of National Malaria Eradication Programme in the 1958-65 period, the incidence of this infection had come down very sharply. The number of cases and deaths due to this infection since 1975 is as follows:

Year	P. falciparum cases	Deaths
1975	7,29,251	99
1976	7,53,713	59
1977	4,61,484	55
1978	5,48,567	74
1979	5,58,423	198 (Prov.)
1980 (Upto 31-10-80)	1,90,336	73 (Prov.)

(b) To contain the incidence and deaths due to the Plasmodium falciparum parasite, a P. falciparum Containment Programme has been launched with the assistance of World Health Organisation, Swedish International Development Agency in the year 1977