

Act, 1890 as the nomination of ad-hoc Claims Commissioner is still awaited from the State Government.

The railway employee who was injured on duty in this accident is undergoing medical treatment. After the medical treatment is over, the loss in his earning capacity will be assessed and necessary compensation due under the Workmen's Compensation Act will be paid.

However, an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 26,750 has already been made to the next of kin of the dead and to the injured.

(d) No.

Malaria cases in Rameswaram

738. SHRI ERA SEZHIYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high incidence of malaria cases has been reported from the Rameswaram Island in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to eradicate Malaria there?

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

(b) The following steps are being taken to control the situation in Rameshwaram:

1. Mass blood survey of the affected parts in the Island.

2. Opening of Field Laboratories, which serve the purpose for treating the malaria cases, as in malaria clinics and for conducting entomological studies in the Island.

3. Surveillance activities in the Island are also intensified providing additional staff therefor and weekly surveillance is adopted in the Island.

4. A detailed plan designed for systematic and effective antilarval work, covering all types of water

collections and other breeding places in the Island has been evolved and adopted with suitable field workers exclusively posted for this work. Under this work plan, drinking water sources are treated with "Parisgreen" or by introduction of fish. Other water sources like watering pits in the coconut thopes etc. are proposed to be treated with aroclor.

5. As an additional control measure ULV spray with malathion in the dwelling places in the Island is also being undertaken.

6. Simultaneously, entomological studies in fixed stations have been planned for execution in the Island.

7. Intensification of health education activities, especially to educate the people to fill the shallow ditches made by irrigation for coconut plantation and to educate the community to take full course of radical treatment when the blood slide is positive.

Construction of outer harbour in Visakhapatnam

739. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outer harbour in Visakhapatnam, after completion of Outer Harbour Project in December, 1976 is not yet commissioned;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the original estimate and what was the latest revised estimate; and

(d) how many times the revisions were made and what was the justification for such revisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Visakhapatnam Outer Harbour Project was completed and