

(b) The first dose of oral polio vaccine has been administered to 6,880 children.

As it takes a considerable time for immunity to develop amongst those who are given inoculation, it is too early to assess the results.]

REPORT OF THE HEALTH SURVEY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

*207. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Survey and Planning Committee headed by Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered the report; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the recommendations which have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

PROMOTION OF CLERICAL STAFF IN THE ALLAHABAD DIVISION OF THE NORTHERN RAILWAY

*208. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Allahabad Division of the Northern Railway some clerical staff promoted after August 2, 1960 from pay scale of Rs. 160—250 to Rs. 200—300 were not reverted to their original seniority and were instead given further promotion in higher grade;

(b) whether this action was in violation of the relevant rules in force governing seniority of clerical staff of the Railways; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir, in two cases.

(c) (i) In one case orders are under issue to regulate promotion under extant orders.

(ii) In the other case the matter is under examination.

COAL STOLEN FROM RAILWAY WAGONS AT AMRITSAR

*209. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven hundred maunds of coal, stolen from railway wagons, was recently seized from the houses of railway staff at Amritsar Railway Station; and

(b) if so, whether any member of the Railway Watch and Ward Staff has been charged with negligence of duty in connection with this theft?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir, but approximately 100 Mds. of coal was recovered at ATARI.

(b) does not arise.

PUSH-BUTTON SAFETY DEVICE IN LADIES COMPARTMENT OF TRAINS

*210. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electrically operated push-button safety device has been fitted in the Ladies Compartment of the Gujarat Mail and the Dehra Dun Express trains;

(b) if so, what purpose would be served by this device; and

(c) what is the method of operation of this device and whether it will have the same function as that of the alarm chain?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main purpose for providing this device is to make it easier for passengers in ladies compartments to raise alarm in distress and to facilitate stoppage of the train by the crew and passengers in such cases. The push-button switch provided below the alarm chain handle in ladies compartments, when pressed in case of an emergency (i) operates an electric alarm bell and lights a red lamp in the Guard's compartment, (ii) switches "on" an amber exterior light outside on both sides of the ladies compartment, and (iii) sounds an electric horn in the adjacent gents compartment. On hearing the bell, the Guard is to stop the train by the application of vacuum brakes from his compartment. The amber lights outside the ladies compartment are provided to facilitate identification of the compartment from which the distress signal has emanated. Sounding of the electric horn in the adjacent compartment enables passengers in that compartment to rush quickly for assistance to the ladies compartment.

The alarm chain device, when operated, applies brakes partially on the train, to be followed by full application of brakes by the Guard or the Driver. On the other hand application of the push-button safety device serves to attract attention of the Guard and fellow passengers in the adjoining compartment to apply the brakes and stop the train quicker time and come to the rescue of the lady passenger.

D.D.T. SPRAYING OF GOVERNMENT COLONIES IN DELHI

*211. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.T. spraying of the colonies for Government employees in Delhi is done according to any phased programme;

(b) if so, the number of times each colony is expected to be sprayed during a year;

(c) whether the post monsoon spraying of Government quarters has been started; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, how many colonies have so far been sprayed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The colonies in the "belt area" are sprayed twice during the malaria transmission period under the National Malaria Eradication Programme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government colonies .. 16

Rehabilitation colonies .. 21

रेल मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों का स्थानान्तरण

१००. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय की साधारणतया यह नीति है कि उसके व उसके अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों के कर्मचारियों का स्थानान्तरण, विशेष कर तृतीय तथा चतुर्थ श्रेणी वालों का, शैक्षणिक स्तर के मध्य में न किया जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले वर्ष इस नीति के विरुद्ध कितने ऐसे स्थानान्तरण किये गये व उनके क्या कारण थे ?