

tutions meant for treatment of leprosy.]

FANS IN PASSENGER SHED AT MERTA ROAD JUNCTION

295. **SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which fans have not been provided in the third class passenger shed on the platform at Merta Road Junction; and

(b) whether the railway authorities have any proposal for providing fans there and if so, by what time the proposal is likely to materialise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Due to commitments already entered into in respect of the limited funds available, this proposal could not be considered earlier.

(b) Yes Sir, fans are expected to be provided in about a month's time.

ELIMINATION OF PARTY POLITICS IN ELECTIONS TO PANCHAYATS

296. **SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:** Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND COOPERATION be pleased to state whether the reported news about an agreement among the major political parties on elimination of party politics in elections to village Panchayats is correct?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND COOPERATION (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): The Ministry has no knowledge of such an agreement.

ORGANISATION TO EVALUATE HEALTH PROGRAMMES

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

(a) whether the Government of India propose to set up an indepen-

dent organisation to continuously evaluate health programmes in the country;

(b) if so, when it will be set up; and

(c) what will be the personnel of the proposed organisation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) to (c) A scheme for the establishment of an organisation for training and research in public health practice including evaluation of health programmes is under consideration, but it is not possible to say at this stage when a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken, and what will be the personnel required for the purpose.

HEART DISEASE

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of heart disease in the country is on the increase during the last decade; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) and (b) Reliable data are not available. However, the incidence of Heart Diseases appears to be on the increase. While this may be partly accounted for by better reporting and diagnosis of this type of cases, the increased complexity and stresses of modern ways of life particularly in urban areas could also be important factors.

भूमि की चकबन्दी

२९९. श्री राम सहाय : क्या लाख तथा छवि मंत्री १९६१-६२ के लिये अपने मंत्रालय (कृषि विभाग) के संक्षिप्त प्रतिवेदन को देखते जिसमें यह बताया गया है कि १९६०-६१ तक २९० लाख एकड़ भूमि की चकबन्दी की गई है और यह बताते