

(c) what will be the financial implications of organising such squads?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) These dogs will be utilized for prevention and detention of thefts of Railway property.

(c) It is not possible to compare exactly the extent of success achieved as compared to the expenditure incurred on the dog squads, as it will not be possible to assess the loss that would have occurred but for the presence of the dogs at vulnerable places. However, on the Southern Railway, within a short period of 10 months, dogs were used in the investigation of 10 cases of thefts in which property worth Rs. 4,500 was involved and have to their credit useful work by way of arrests and convictions.

SMALL-POX IN DELHI

*240. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an outbreak of small-pox in Delhi and New Delhi in the last month; and

(b) if so, what was the number of persons affected?

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

(b) Sixty-three cases of small-pox were reported from several areas of the Union Territory of Delhi during the period from the 27th December, 1959 to the 23rd January, 1960.

REPRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC OF EAST GAUHATI

72. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public of East Gauhati for the extension of the alternative road which was constructed by the Railways from Assam Congress Office site to the Refinery site; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government on this representation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) Yes, a representation has been received by the N. F. Railway.

(b) The road measuring about 1000 ft. was constructed to connect the existing level crossing at Morakhali to Kukurmata Railway colony purely for the use of the Railway staff. There is no proposal to extend this road either to the refinery or to the marshalling yard at Narangi which will be about 2 miles away.

PILOT PROJECTS FOR INTENSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

73. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what are the financial requirements and resources for the pilot projects proposed to be launched for intensified agricultural production in the various States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): A statement showing item-wise tentative estimates of expenditure per Block over a five-year period on the pilot project for increasing agricultural production in selected districts is attached. The project, which is still under consideration of the Government, will be implemented in 100 Blocks, if approved.