

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether it is proper for a Government Department not to work properly but to say that because more people will have to be employed, these telegrams are not to be sent as telegrams?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: That is not so.. What I said was only when the lines get out of order, they are sent by post.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether it is a fact that for a very considerable time at Lucknow Telegraph Office, telegrams were being sent by air and not through wire?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I do not think the hon. Member is correct in his presumption.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: When the Telegraphs Department people know that they are not able to send telegrams by wire, why do they not inform the people at the time of taking them that it is not possible by wire so that they may decide whether to send them or not to send them?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: We will consider the suggestion.

**THERAPEUTIC VALUES OF THE MEDICINAL HERB "PUNARNAVA"**

\*35. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 618 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th September, 1959 and state whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has since completed the analysis of the therapeutic values of the medicinal herb known as 'Punarnava'<sup>7</sup>

' THE MINISTER OF HEALTH '(SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): The Indian Council of Medical Research has not yet completed the analysis of the thera-

peutic values of the medicinal herb known as 'Punarnava'. I should like to add, with your permission, that they have however stated that there are two indigenous herbs which are known by the name of Punarnava, (1) Rakta Punarnava and (2) Swet Punarnava. Swet Punarnava is particularly used for the cure of eye diseases, *e.g.*, corneal ulcers, itching, etc.

**REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON CO-OPERATIVE FARMING**

\*36. SHRI- D. P. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Cooperative Farming has submitted its report;

(b.) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement them?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA^): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arisp

SHRI D. P. SINGH: May I know when the report is expected?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: It is expected by the middle of December.

\*37. [The questioner {Shri Maheswar Naik}. was absent. For answer, vide coZ. 197 infra.]

\*38. [The questioners . (Shri Maheswar Naik and Shri V. K. Dhage) were absent. For answer, vide cols. 197—99 infra.]