

(b) if so, which are the States that have carried out such surveys and what are the general findings thereof?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the National Development Council, September 1957, the State Governments of Andhra, Assam, Bombay, Kerala, Mysore, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are carrying out surveys of existing co-operative farming societies. These 'surveys' are in the nature of administrative reviews. The findings of the 'surveys' are awaited.

श्री पां० ना० राजभोज: क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतायेंगे कि द्वितीय पंचवार्षिक योजना में फार्मिंग सोसाइटीज का कितना टारगेट है और अब तक कितनी फार्मिंग सोसाइटीज स्थापित हुई हैं ?

श्री एस० डी० मिश्र : द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में इसका लक्ष्य ३००० सोसाइटीज रखा गया है और आज तक देश में लगभग दो हजार सोसाइटीयां हैं ।

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: The hon. Member stated that out of nearly sixty thousand cooperative societies about forty thousand are defunct. May I know on what basis this was given out without any proper survey?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: We have received reports from the Registrars that forty thousand societies are not in a good state of affairs. I did not say that they are defunct.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether any attempt has been made to bring uneconomic holdings under the co-operative movement and if so, with what result?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY: That does not arise out of this question.

AERODROMES AT BIJAPUR, HUBLI, DAVANGERE AND BELLARY

*397. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether aerodromes exist at Bijapur, Hubli, Davangere and Bellary; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the opening of an air-service from Bangalore to touch the above mentioned places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN): (a) Aerodromes exist only at Davangere and Bellary.

(b) Indian Airlines Corporation have no plans to connect the above places with Bangalore by air or to include them in their existing air services.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: There are many air-strips in this area. May I know whether there is any proposal to connect them through some feeder service with the main centres?

SHRI H. D. RAJAH: But what about the aircraft?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: No, Sir.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMITTING *Dais* FOR TRAINING

*398. SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state the qualifications prescribed for admitting *Dais* for training in Government run Maternity and Child Welfare Centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): No educational qualifications are prescribed for admitting *Dais* for training under the Centrally aided Scheme for the training of indigenous *Dais* in the Second Five Year Plan. Women who are in the hereditary profession as *Dais* are admitted for the training.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या माननीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली में ऐसी कितने केन्द्र हैं जहाँ कि दाइयों को शिक्षा मिल सकती है और अभी उनमें कितनी दाइयाँ हैं जो कि ट्रेनिंग ले रही हैं ।

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, I have not got information about the details but I can pass it on to the hon. Member and supply it to the House.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Sir, this is an age of literacy. Medical knowledge and directions for use of appliances appear in a written form and have to be read and followed. May I know whether these Dais are literate or illiterate and also whether they have any educational qualifications?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, I should think that a substantial number of them are illiterate.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: How do you expect them to be trained in the modern methods of approach to these cases?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Because we know the methods of giving training to people who do not understand. Ours is a practical training. We tell them what is septic, what is anti-septic and all that. After the refresher course, they are wiser than they were before.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Is it not necessary, Sir, that they should have at least literacy standards to deal with this subject?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I think it is always desirable to have literacy standards but the very essence of this scheme is this: It is not possible for us to make available an adequate number of trained midwives. Therefore, the scheme is to take in the Dais who are already in the field, give them useful training—whether they are literate or not literate; we do not have that

condition for purposes of this training—and to send them back and we find that they are more efficient than before.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Have the Government any comprehensive scheme to train Dais so that later on, in the latter half of the Second Plan and in the Third Plan, they can supply trained Dais to all the blocks and areas under the Community Project?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, the idea is to really provide the country with sufficient number of trained midwives. The requirements are more than what we can make available to the country and so the Dais or the midwives that are there already in the field—these people are not very well instructed in the matters of modern methods—are taken up for this course of training in modern methods.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Just now the hon. Minister was pleased to tell us that no educational standards are needed. May I know the duration of the training that the Government gives because, half knowledge will prove more dangerous?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Subject to correction, Sir, I think it is about six months.

SELECTION OF ASSISTANT PERSONNEL OFFICERS ON THE SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

*399. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have received any representation from the employees of the South Eastern Railway in regard to selection of Assistant Personnel Officers and if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.