

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** No, Sir. No survey has yet been made on a large scale. We have good hospitals. In Bombay for instance the Tata Memorial Hospital has made an analysis of the cases that they have treated but there has been no national survey as we did recently in the case of T. B.

**SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI:** Is it not necessary that a survey should be made regarding cancer and its incidence in the whole of India? It is a dread disease and if there is any disease from which people suffer so acutely and terribly, is it not the duty of the Government to undertake such surveys?

**SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR:** Our primary duty is to put up hospitals to look after cancer cases and we are helping the institutions including an institution in Madras in respect of cancer but we take up surveys only in cases where the incidence, on a general view, is rather universal. In this matter of cancer we have no reasons to believe that cancer is spreading fast and we do not want to create any unnecessary scare.

**SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI:** I want to know how the Minister can believe that there is no increase in the incidence of cancer when he has not taken a survey. On what statistics does he base his statement?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** He does not want to say whether it is on the increase or on the decrease. He said he is awaiting report.

#### NORTH-EAST FRONTIER ZONE

**\*13. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the construction of quarters for the staff and the office building at Pandu; and

(b) what is the scheduled date for the completion of this project?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):** (a) The scheme has been divided into two phases. The work of phase I is in progress. About 80 per cent of the accommodation for the staff and 40 per cent of the office accommodation has been provided so far. The work of phase II is being taken in hand.

(b) About March, 1961.

Sir, I might add that the total cost is Rs. 1,65,00,000.

#### RAILWAY LOW-LYING LANDS IN GAUHATI TOWN

**\*14. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Government have improved the railway low-lying lands in Gauhati town by filling them up with earth;

(b) if so, whether this work has affected the drainage system of the town; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to construct some big culverts under the railway lines in the town?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### INDIAN KILLED IN THE BRITISH SUPER TANKER 'STANVAC JAPAN'

**\*15. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who were killed in the British Super Tanker 'Stanvac Japan' disaster on the 20th October, 1958;

(b) whether these persons were permanent employees or temporary ones; and