

6. This will be considered by the Central Soil Conservation Board.

7. A scheme regarding the Land Use Survey and Planning Organisation has already been sanctioned before Dr. R. M. Gorrie's arrival and the scheme is being implemented.

8. The question of constituting the Central Soil Conservation Service had been considered before. It was decided that the position should be watched for sometime more, say, one or two years, before a decision is taken.

9. A proposal to this effect has been under the consideration of the Government of India for some time past but was not pursued as it was brought that the provision of the required number of technical officers at headquarters in the Ministry would be adequate. The suggestion is, however, being re-examined.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether he has also suggested a scheme for training village level workers in soil conservation?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I cannot say beyond what is mentioned in the statement. I do not know if this suggestion would be contained in his report, which is still awaited.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: With reference to item 8 in the statement may I know how many officers who are now trained in soil conservation are available?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would require notice of the question.

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR PLACES OF BUDDHIST INTEREST IN ORISSA

*98. SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MISRA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps so far taken by Government for the improvement of the means of communications for the places of Buddhist interest in Orissa with a view to attract tourists and Buddhist pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The Government of India have not sanctioned any scheme in Orissa with the specific object of attracting tourists and Buddhist pilgrims to places of Buddhist interest.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, what are the places which have got tourist interest and which require to be developed, I mean development of tourist traffic?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It appears that the places of Buddhist interest are Lalgiri, Ratnagiri and Udaigiri.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether any communicational development has taken place or is under the contemplation of the Government in respect of development of communications to Konark?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: As per entry No. 23 in the Union List contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution we are responsible for construction and development of national highways declared as such by law made by Parliament and for certain other construction and development of roads in the Union Territories and in certain other limited sector only.

INCREASE OF MOSQUITOES IN DELHI

*99. DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been enormous increase of mosquitoes in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the causes of this increase;

(c) whether there has been any increase of malaria cases in Delhi as a result of this; and

(d) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, there was some increase in certain localities in April this year.

(b) Following are the causes of increase of mosquitoes:

1. Construction works on a large scale in different localities in urban area.
2. Discharge of sullage in storm water drains.
3. Seepages and breaches in channels in the sewage disposal systems at Coronation Memorial in Old Delhi and Okhla Sewage Farm, New Delhi.
4. Unusually frequent showers of rain during March and April.

(c) No.

(d) Following measures have been taken:

1. The municipalities were advised in time to intensify anti-mosquito measures.
2. All possible steps were taken to treat mosquito breeding places with chemicals, dewatering and desilting of miles long of choked drains and channels. In some areas, these measures were intensified within limits of finances.
3. A Press Note was released seeking public cooperation in fighting the culicine mosquito nuisance at its peak in April.

DR. R. B. GOUR: What are the chemicals used, Sir? The hon. Minister said that they have advised the municipalities to use certain chemicals.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Their names are available in the library of the House.

DR. R. B. GOUR: May I explain myself, Sir? The question is this—The hon. Health Minister does not probably know certain problems—that frequent use of D.D.T results in D.D.T. resistance in the mosquito strain. Is the hon. Minister sure that it is not the case with Delhi?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is a medical man.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: So far as New Delhi is concerned I think that that is not the correct position, but if my friend has any additional information and would like offer me any suggestion I shall be very happy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do. We have got two or three questions still and only five minutes more.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DAVE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE

*100. DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of the Dave Committee on Indigenous Systems of Medicine; and

(b) if so, which of those recommendations Government intend to implement?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Dave Committee are still under consideration in consultation with State Governments, and no decision has been taken so far.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should like to add that we have received the reactions from the Governments of Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Orissa, Punjab, Mysore and Rajasthan and from the Union Territories of the Andaman Islands, Himachal Pradesh, etc. and we are waiting for the remaining suggestions from the other Governments. After that we shall come to a conclusion as early as possible.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: How much time will be required for taking a firm decision with regard to the Dave Committee's report?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is difficult to mention an exact date but