

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : No, Sir, I do not think that ambulances are laws kept at meetings.

*383. [The Questioner (Shri M. Valiulla) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3230-3231 infra.]

*384 and *385. [The Questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3231-3232 infra.]

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE

*386. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research Programmes Committee of the Planning Commission undertook any socio-economic survey of any cities in India;

(b) if so, what are the names of the cities for which the survey was sanctioned.

(c) what is the progress so far made in the surveys undertaken by that Committee; and

(d) who are the members of this Research Programmes Committee at present ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agra, Allahabad, Aligarh, Amritsar, Baroda, Bhopal, Bombay, Calcutta, Cuttack, Delhi, Gorakhpur, Hyderabad, Hubli, Jaipur, Jamshedpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Madras, Poona, Surat and Visakhapatnam.

(c) The Report on survey of Poona city has been published recently. The Reports on Baroda and Hyderabad have been approved for publication. Reports for Amritsar and Jamshedpur have been received. Surveys of the other cities are in different stages of progress.

(d) There are 28 members of whom 13 are economists, 3 sociologists, 5 political scientists, 2 statisticians and 5 officials.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know how many places will have to be surveyed by this committee or by the surveyors?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It is not a committee of surveyors actually or a team of surveyors that has undertaken the work. Under the research programme, various institutions offer schemes for survey. If a scheme is accepted by the Planning Commission, they are given financial assistance. They undertake the survey and then they give a report. If the report is approved by this Research Programme Committee, it is published.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : May I know, under this research scheme, how many cities or towns are going to be covered?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: In this plan, that is, the first plan, no more could be covered now. There are 21 now.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know whether there was also a sample survey before this and there was also an interim report on that survey?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That was under a different scheme, not the research programme. That is the national sample survey. Different rounds are being taken and different cities are being surveyed—not under this research programme committee.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What I wanted to know was whether this experimental survey was done to help the preparation of the Second Plan. Is it so? If so, what is the use of the preparation of this again, this resurvey or another survey?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: This survey is on different subjects for all these 21 towns. For example, the subject for Aligarh is regional development; for Poona, the changing pattern of employment; for Baroda, it is socio-economic survey; for Jaipur, it is urban survey. Like that, there are different subjects which are taken. It is not one single subject.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What was the use made of this by the Planning Commission, when they had a survey of about 21 cities before; whether in regard to the survey that is made now they will also have another plan to go into the report of that committee?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The former survey, which is referred to by the hon. Member, was about the employment in different cities. Delhi. Calcutta. Bombay, like that. There were twenty or twenty one cities where sample surveys for employment or unemployment were being carried out. This is a different subject altogether.

NEW SURGICAL TECHNIQUE TO RESTORE HEARING FACULTY TO DEAF PEOPLE

*387. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK : Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new technique of ear operation for restoring hearing faculty to the deaf was successfully demonstrated recently at Calcutta by Dr. Samuel Rosen of New York; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action to popularise this technique in the country?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) Yes.

(b) As Dr. Rosen has demonstrated his technique to a number of Otologists during his stay in India, it is not considered necessary to launch any campaign to popularise the technique in this country.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the Government is intending to start a training institution where Indian doctors may also get the training in this new technique?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if the Government is intending to send some doctors to New York to get this training?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I do not think that is necessary. Dr. Rosen came out on a private visit and was given a letter of introduction to me by a friend. I asked him to demonstrate his technique in three hospitals in Delhi. After that he demonstrated in some hospitals in Bombay, in Madras and some in Calcutta, and all our Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists were asked to attend and watch the technique. This technique has been accepted in the medical world, but Dr. Rosen himself does not claim success in every case, and there is no reason why our own otologists should not be able to practise it.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know how many cases of operation have been conducted by Dr. Rosen and how many of them have been successful in India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I cannot give the number of operations that he did either in Bombay or in Calcutta or even in Delhi. I am not sure of that. All I know is that many cases that came to him were told by him that they were inoperable, and in the cases that he did operate he told me himself "You will have to wait and see for some time as to whether the result is permanent or not". In many cases the result is not permanent, and then the fenestration operation is resorted to.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Is the hon. Minister aware whether the nature of the operation is a simple one or a major one?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: It is a very delicate operation.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is the hon. Minister aware that out of six operations three have been very very successful in Delhi?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I know of three cases that did get back their hearing. As I said before, cent per cent, success depends on how long the result lasts.