

know, Sir, if it is a fact that during the last two or three years, the total number of the agricultural labour families has increased considerably?

SHRI ABID ALI: Of course, the population is increasing, and according to that, their number is also increasing.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, I did not ask that question. I was asking whether the number of agricultural labour families had increased during that period.

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: The statistics all over India have not been collected.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, if the Government is aware of any trends in the direction of increase in the number of agricultural families in the country?

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: I do not think there is any trend one way or the other.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, the basis on which the Government says that there is no trend one way or the other? Is it based on any survey or any report placed before the Government by any authority?

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: It is based on general observations.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Government is aware that the Indian Statistical Institute in Calcutta carried out certain surveys in villages, and the provisional reports were that the number had considerably increased?

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: When such a report comes to our Ministry, we will examine it.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, whether the Government, before answering this question, tried to obtain these material facts from the particular institution which is subsidised by the Government?

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: We will make every attempt.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do.

PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN THE LIGHTHOUSES

***208. SHRI R. M. DESHMUKH (ON BEHALF OF DR. RAGHUBIR SINH):** Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in the various lighthouses manned by Indian personnel;

(b) the scales of pay admissible to the various categories of these employees;

(c) whether any special lighthouse allowance is also admissible to them in view of their special arduous duties of isolated nature; and

(d) if not, whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to give them any additional allowance in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) to (c). Two statements giving the required information are placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 51.]

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (c).

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What are the places where lighthouses are located now?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There are 120 lighthouses under the care of the Centre, Sir.

ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH CENTRES IN NATIONAL EXTENSION SERVICE BLOCKS

***209. SHRI R. M. DESHMUKH (ON BEHALF OF DR. RAGHUBIR SINH):** Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to refer to paragraph 15 on pages 11-12 of the Report of the Ministry of Health for 1955-56, and state:

(a) the names of the National Extension Service Development Blocks in Madhya Bharat and Rajasthan where Health Centres have been established;

(b) the names of States which desired to establish more such Centres under this scheme than were originally allotted to them and the number of additional Centres which have been allotted to them; and

(c) the cause and extent of the delay in the actual establishment of these Health Centres?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) One Health Centre has been established in the National Extension Block at Jora, District Morena in Madhya Bharat. No Health Centre has been established in Rajasthan up to the 31st March 1956.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The causes of delay as reported by State Governments, who are responsible for the actual establishment of the Centres, are lack of trained personnel and difficulty of accommodation. Out of 126 Centres proposed to be established by State Governments, only 74 were set up.

STATEMENT

States which desired to establish more Health Centres than were originally allotted to them under the scheme for the establishment of Health Centres in N. E. S. Blocks in the States.

Name of State	No. of additional Health Centres which States desired to open	No. of additional Centres which were established up to 31st March 1956 for which grants were sanctioned
(1)	(2)	(3)
Andhra	11	..
Bihar	14	..
Madras	4	2
Orissa	6	..
Hyderabad	4	..
Bhopal	2	2
Vindhya Pradesh	1	1
TOTAL	42	5

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: How many Centres have been established in Madhya Pradesh?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I have not got the break-up of the total number.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I just heard the hon. Minister say that no Health Centre has been established in Rajasthan in the National Extension Service. May I know what the reason is for any Health Centre not being established there?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: In the answer I said that the general causes of delay in the establishment of the Centres were that they had not got enough trained personnel and also accommodation.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the Central Government made any enquiries of the State Governments in order to find out what were the real difficulties in establishing these Centres so needed there?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: As regards this particular question, I cannot say, but as regards the general question, they say that they have not got enough personnel and also that they have accommodation difficulties.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Lack of personnel and accommodation.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Central Government have not taken any initiative in the matter with a view to finding out what the real difficulty was?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: We are constantly in touch with them, and we give them as much help as we can, but if they give us some reasons, it is very difficult for us to refute those reasons.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the delay is actually due to the fact that the State Governments have not got the necessary finance for it?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: We gave 100 per cent. for the first year and 66 per cent. of the expenditure for the remaining period of the Plan so that financial difficulties did not really stand in the way.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if in such cases Government thinks it advisable to consult the Members of Parliament elected from those areas with a view to overcoming the difficulties that may stand in the way?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: We shall certainly do it and we shall be glad if we can get any help from Members elected from those areas.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Was any effort made to get retired personnel for this purpose?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Retired personnel also are extremely difficult to get.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: What is the type of personnel employed in these Centres?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The Health Visitor is the main person, and then there are *dais*, *nurse-dais* and other ancillary personnel.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF TOURIST GUIDES

*210. **SHRI R. M. DESHMUKH (ON BEHALF OF DR. RAGHUBIR SINH):** Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to paragraph 70 on page 35 of the Report of the Ministry of Transport for 1955-56, and state the number of candidates who are at present receiving training in guide service to tourists at Madras and Agra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): Madras 25 and Agra 15.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: How many of these are women?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think there are some women, but I am unable to give their number.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: The hon. Minister is not sure whether there are any women at all. At least can he give definite information that there are women there?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I shall find out and pass on the information to the hon. Member.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know what kind of training is imparted to the guides?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Series of lectures are arranged regarding art and architecture of the country, local customs, geography, history, culture, festivals of the land, etc.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I take it that, since series of lectures are arranged, there must be some lecturers. In that case I would like to know who are the authorities who make the selection and the different categories or class of people from whom the lecturers are chosen.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I know that some able professors are selected for this purpose. They give these lectures. The Ministry selects them.

SHRI JASPAT ROY KAPOOR: What is the period of training?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Three months.

SHRI JASPAT ROY KAPOOR: May I know where this training centre is located in Agra?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I do not know where it is located. Perhaps in the building that is occupied by the Tourist Information Office. I cannot say definitely.