

tation Centres for ex-T.B. patients has been included in the Second Five Year Plan but there is no such scheme for leprosy patients.

(b) The Governments of Bihar, Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Saurashtra and Himachal Pradesh have so far sought Central aid for the establishment of After-care and Rehabilitation Centres for ex-T.B. patients.]

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** इनमें से किन किन स्टेट्स को सहायता दी गई है ?

**SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR:** The proposals of the States that asked for assistance from the Centre are under consideration.

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के बारे में अभी बताया गया है, लेकिन मैं यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना काल में ऐसी ग्रांट्स किन किन स्टेट्स को दी गई थीं ?

**SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR:** There was an amount of Rs. 30 lakhs set apart to give assistance for institutions tackling leprosy, T.B., cancer and so on. In that quite a bit of money has been given to various States, but I have not got the break-up here.

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** मेरा प्रश्न ग्रांट्स से संबंधित नहीं है। मैं तो रिहैबिलिटेशन के विषय में जानना चाहती हूँ कि प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना के जमाने में कितने रिहैबिलिटेशन के केन्द्र खोले गये और उनमें कितने ऐसे लोगों को रिहैबिलिटेड किया गया है ?

**SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR:** We have not got enough institutions of the right type to take care of the convalescing patients after they are cured of tuberculosis or leprosy. That is why we have taken up this question in the Second Five Year Plan. In the First Five Year Plan we did not have any whereas in Madanpalli, I think, there is an after-care colony,

which is working in the Madanpalli sanatorium for the last 30 years. Assistance in various ways has been given, but I have not got the details here.

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** इस इन्स्टीट्यूशन में जो भी ग्रांट्स मांगी गई हैं वे सिर्फ इक्विपमेंट के लिए मांगी गई हैं या भवन-निर्माण वगैरह के लिए भी मांगी गई हैं ?

**SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR:** I have not got the information.

\*336 and \*337. [For answer, vide cols. 3181-84 infra.]

#### TERMINAL TAXES ON GOODS AND PASSENGERS

\*338. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the considerations that entitle a railway station or an airport to the imposition of terminal taxes; and

(b) how the money so realised is spent and in what proportions, if any, the realisations are distributed among the places claiming this levy?

**THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR):** (a) No terminal tax is levied on air traffic. The levy of terminal tax on Railway traffic is meant for the purpose of providing convenience for pilgrims and taking measures to prevent the spread of epidemics etc.

(b) The Central Government have no information as to how the money is spent. The tax is, however, collected separately for each specified place and credit to the State Government or the local body concerned.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** What are the railway stations in Orissa which are entitled to the imposition of terminal taxes?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** I do not think there is any station in Orissa for which terminal tax is being levied.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** May I know what are the total annual collections so far?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** I can give the figures of total terminal tax on railway passengers. In 1954-55, passengers only, it is Rs. 25,48,945 and in 1955-56, it is Rs. 26,03,239.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Does the rate vary from place to place?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** Yes, it does.

**SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** May I know who decides this tax, the State Government or railway authorities?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** The railway authorities decide it on the recommendation of the State Government.

**SHRI JASWANT SINGH:** Partly my question has been answered but I would like to know whether in imposing the tax the railway authorities are consulted or they are just asked to collect the tax by the authorities concerned.

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** The rates are fixed by us in consultation with the State Governments. We serve as collecting agents.

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** क्या सरकार के पास कोई ऐसे प्रार्थना पत्र आये हैं जिनमें यह प्रार्थना की गई हो कि इस प्रकार के टैक्स न लिये जायें, जिनसे गरीब जनता को कष्ट होता है ?

**श्री लाल बहादुर :** जी, नहीं । ऐसा प्रार्थना-पत्र तो हमारे पास नहीं आया है । लेकिन स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से यह लिखकर के जरूर आया है कि और ज्यादा टैक्स लगाया जाय ।

**SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** May I know why uniformity is not maintained in all stations, where this terminal tax is collected by the Railways?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** It depends on the place. Suppose it is a big city or if there is a very big mela—for instance, if it is Kumbh Mela where 40 lakhs of people will go—the rates are fixed somewhat at a higher level; whereas for smaller places or melas the rates are fixed at a lower level.

**SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** May I know if the entire collection is handed over to the local bodies or whether any cost of collection is deducted?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** The cost of collections is deducted; it is about 3 per cent.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** May I know the figures available for Delhi station?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** We have not levied any tax on passengers who come to Delhi.

**SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** What about Calcutta?

**SHRI LAL BAHADUR:** There is a tax levied for Calcutta, but I have not got the figures for Calcutta.

#### TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES FOR ORISSA

**\*339. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to Appendices 2 and 3 on page 31 and 32 respectively of the Activities of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department for 1955-56 and state when the remaining subdivisional headquarters in Orissa will be provided with telegraph facilities and public call offices?

**THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):** Most of them will be provided during the current year.

#### GIFT OF FOODGRAINS FROM U.S.A.

**\*340. MOULANA M. FARUQI:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state