

(d) what is the method of their selection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) No person has so far been sent for training in Local Self Government Administration.

(b), (c) and (d). Do not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know if there is any proposal to send them abroad?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: At present there is no proposal.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Were not applications called for for this purpose?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Yes, Sir. Some time back, we had called for some applications from the various States, and certain number of applications reached us. Then, we made a selection of those candidates. We are keeping a panel of those persons. Now, as and when fellowships are available, and when we can fit them in any of the Colombo Plan or any other schemes, we will send them.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How many applications were received and how many taken on the panel?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: About 109 applications were received, of which 14 candidates were selected.

PROF. G. RANGA: What is the policy of the Government when there is no proposal at all to send any of our people abroad to study the working of local self-government? Why is it that the Government of India has taken the trouble to advertise, obtain applications, take a selection and keep a panel?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: We thought of sending.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You had a proposal and then you advertised.

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: At present, we have no proposal.

PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ZOOS

*373. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of zoos in the country; and

(b) whether there is any plan for increasing the number of zoos and improving the condition of the existing zoos?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Twenty.

(b) Yes.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know the number of zoos in the country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Twenty, as I said.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: According to the recommendations of the Wild Life Preservation Board may I know whether the Government have decided to have more zoos in the country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We want to have more zoos and we have accordingly circularised the State Governments asking for their proposals. Some have put up some proposals. Some have said that they are not very anxious to do so and some have not replied.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Have the Government formulated any scheme to improve the conditions in the zoos?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: They have discussed this in the Wild Life Preservation Board's meeting.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: Is there any proposal to have a zoo in Delhi which is the capital of the country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Khan.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: I wanted to ask the same question, Sir.

“रहस्यमय रोग” पर अनुसंधान

३७४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि

(क) क्या पूना की विषाणु-अनुसंधान शाला ने “रहस्यमय रोग” पर कोई अनुसंधान किया है. यदि हां. तो उस का पूर्ण विवरण क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस अनुसंधान के परिणामों की प्रमाणिकता की जांच कराई है; और

(ग) यदि अनुसन्धान के परिणाम प्रामाणिक हैं, तो इस रोग की रोक थाम के लिये उस का किस प्रकार प्रयोग किया जा सकता है ?

†[RESEARCH ON ‘MYSTERY DISEASE’]

*374. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Virus Research Centre at Poona has conducted any research on the ‘Mystery Disease’; if so, what are the particulars of the same;

(b) whether Government have since caused the authenticity of these findings to be examined; and

(c) if the findings of the research are authentic, what is the use that can be made of the research in checking the spread of this disease?]

स्वास्थ्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती एम० चन्द्र-शेखर) : (क), (ख) और (ग). जी हां। इस केन्द्र ने रोगियों के मल से अनेक विरसेज का पता लगाया है और विशेष जानकारों का एक दल इस बीमारी के कारणों की खोज कर रहा है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a), (b) and (c). Yes.

†English Translation.

Several strains of viruses from the stools of infected cases have been isolated by the Centre. Investigations into the cause of the disease by a team of experts are still in progress.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : अब तक क्या खोज हुई है ?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: This is a virus on which research is being conducted. It takes a long time. First, they thought that it may be due to mosquito, that the virus in mosquito was a causative organism. Now they have verified that it is not so. They are proceeding with the examination of stools and other things of patients. They have not finalised the conclusion. It is yet to be decided.

श्री ब० कि० प्र० सिंह : यह “रहस्यमय रोग” है क्या ? उस के लक्षण क्या हैं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Be chivalrous, Mr. Sinha.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What is this ‘mysterious’ disease? What are its symptoms?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Because it is mysterious, it is called a “mystery disease”. I do not think that I will be able to give an explanation.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: Have they been able to find out the cause of the virus carrying encephalitis which was so prevalent in various cities in north India?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Not properly identified.

*375. [The questioner (Shri Krishnakant Vyas) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2730-31 infra.]

RISE IN PRICE OF WHEAT

*376. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat is being sold in Delhi and other cities at the rate of Rs. 17 to Rs. 18 a maund instead of at