

subsidy and (ii) loans sanctioned to each State for their Soil Conservation Schemes during the year 1954-55?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. [See Appendix IX, Annexure No. 146.]

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THE STAFF OF THE OVERSEAS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

*714. **SHRI A. S. RAJU:** Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the replies given to the Starred Question No. 597 and to its supplementaries on the 29th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether from the 21 quarters placed at the disposal of the Director, Overseas Communications Service at Delhi, any family quarters were allotted to unmarried officers in preference to married officers; and

(b) if so, how many and for what reasons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The 21 quarters in question are reserved for the key staff of the Overseas Communications Service and their allotment is made on the basis of the nature of duties of the officer and his priority of posting in Delhi and not according to his marital status.

(b) Does not arise.

CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING ORGANISATION

*715. **DR. R. P. DUBE:** Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the amount set apart for the working of the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation for the current year;

(b) who is the officer-in-charge of the Organisation and what is his nationality; and

(c) what are his qualifications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) A sum of Rs. 1,43,500 has been provided for this purpose in the current year's budget.

(b) The Deputy Director General of Health Services (Public Health Engineering) who is to be the head of the Organisation is yet to be recruited through the Union Public Service Commission. The Organisation is now functioning under the Director General of Health Services who is assisted in this matter by an Adviser in Public Health Engineering, whose services have been obtained from the T.C.A.

(c) The qualifications required of the incumbent of this post are:—

(a) a degree in Civil Engineering or an equivalent qualification with post-graduate degree or diploma in Public Health Engineering from a recognised institution; and

(b) extensive practical experience in the field of Public Health Engineering, and experience of at least five years in a responsible post in the Public Health Engineering Department or Section of a Government Corporation or major local body combined with organising ability of a high order.

DR. R. P. DUBE: How long has the gentleman from the U.S.A. been here?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Pardon?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Dube, please put your question in a louder voice, you are just talking to her.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Sir, my question is this. I was told that the services of a gentleman had been obtained from abroad by the Government, under the Colombo Plan. How long has he been working here?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The present incumbent commenced in