

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know, Sir, whether among the coaches which are being built in India, some coaches, with sleeping accommodation for third class passengers, are being built or not?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They are now being built.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know the number which has already been built?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: How many, I cannot say. I think five metre gauge sleeping coaches have already been built.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: For how many more years will we have to depend on import of coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We need not depend on imported coaches. These are all old orders. We do not now place orders for coaches outside.

#### FAMILY PLANNING

•167. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants so far given to the States for family planning programmes under the Five Year Plan:

(b) what portion of the above grants has been given to voluntary organisations: and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open any new Family Planning Centres in this year?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) and (b), The amounts of grants so far sanctioned to the States Governments and voluntary organisations (including local bodies) for family planning programmes, are Rs. 1,48,844 and

Rs. 1,76,134 respectively.

(c) Yes.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: May I know, Sir, out of these grants, how much has been spent actually?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Sir, I have not got with me the figures from the States as to how much they have spent.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Was there any voluntary organisation which had asked for help to carry out this family planning work, excepting the State Governments?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Yes, Sir. Voluntary organisations also applied—There was a Committee set up to consider the schemes and the applications, and seven voluntary organisations, have been given grants.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: What was the number of applicants?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I could not tell you.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I ask the hon. Health Minister to let me know what type of people, that is what class of people take advantage of these centres; and whether these centres are being well advertised, so that the poor can take advantage of these centres?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Yes, Sir. It is mainly for the poor that these centres have been organised. For example, in Ramanagaram, the centre is out in a village. Here in Delhi, it is for the Secretariat staff, especially the lower income groups. All the State Governments also try to reach out, as far as they could, to poor persons:

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Will the hon. Minister please let me know if she has any information as to in which States such centres are working; and whether they are working satisfactorily or not?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Yes, Sir. The centres have awakened a great deal of interest and a great many people attend.

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVARGI-YA: May I know, Sir, which are the foreign countries in which this family planning is more successful?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I should scarcely be expected to supply information about foreign countries.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: May I know, Sir, which States have received these grants so far this year?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Kutch, Orissa, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Madras. There are further sanctions which have been made to some other States, namely, Himachal Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh. And then, of course, there are some research schemes in various States.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: What was the amount paid to Madhya Pradesh?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Madhya Pradesh was given Rs. 14,830.

SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to set up a Council for a planned study of the population problem?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Research is being done. I do not think there is any necessity for a special Council.

SHRI M. ROUFIQUE: May I know, Sir, whether the grants are only given on an application from the States, or are they distributed from here?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Naturally only on applications and schemes which have to be seen and vetted.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know, Sir, whether there is any request from Saurashtra for such grants?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I am not quite sure whether Saurashtra has applied and whether they have been given anything; but I could get the information and let the hon. Member know.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: May I ask the hon. Minister what would be the expenditure required for running a centre efficiently?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the minimum amount to be spent for running a centre efficiently? That is the question.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: It is difficult to say, because I expect that prices will vary from State to State. But I could give the hon. Member figures of grants applied for for running some planning centres here. For equipment for 20 centres, that is Rs. 3,000 per centre: Rs. 60,000. Then, of course, there is the pay and allowances of the workers, the medical and social workers and the secretariat expenses. Altogether for twenty centres it is Rs. 2,14,000.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: May I know, Sir, whether the sum of about Rs. 3,800 given to Madhya Pradesh, from that estimate, is at all adequate?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Well, Sir, I can only give what the State asks for.

SHRI T. BODRA: May I know, Sir, whether there was any request from Bihar?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I do not think there has been any request; but all the States—whoever asks—are given help.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if the Government of Bombay has asked for any grants?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Bombay has been given grants, including the Bombay Corporation which asked for grants.

■168. [*The questioner (Shri V. K. Dhage) was absent. For answer vide col. 847 infra.*]

#### FREIGHT RATES ON COAL FOR EXPORT

\*169. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state: