

(b) how many of these bodies provide free medical facilities to their employees; and

(c) how many of these bodies have the same scales of pay for their employees as those applicable to the Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) The following five statutory bodies are functioning under this Ministry:—

1. Indian Central Oilseeds Committee;
2. Indian Central Coconut Committee;
3. Indian Lac Cess Committee;
4. Indian Central Cotton Committee;
5. Sugar Development Council.

(b) The employees of all these bodies except the Sugar Development Council are allowed free medical facilities generally on the same lines as are enjoyed by the Central Government employees. Medical rules for the employees of the Sugar Development Council have not yet been framed as the Council itself was formed only recently.

(c) All the above bodies have generally the same scales of pay for their employees as are provided for the employees of the Central Government.

UNWORKABLE ROLLING STOCK WITH THE RAILWAYS

128. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unworkable locomotives, coaches and wagons lying idle in the yards and sheds of the railways; and

(b) the manner in which the Railway Administration propose to utilise them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN):

(a) Condemned locomotives .. 536
Condemned coaches .. 495
Condemned wagons .. 6,856

(b) The serviceable parts will be salvaged before the stock is either cut up or sold.

'Q' FEVER IN INDIA

129. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research into the prevalence of 'Q' fever in India has been made in the laboratory of the Armed Forces Medical College, Poona;

(b) if so, the names of the places where the fever has been detected; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to eliminate the fever; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) Yes.

(b) All over the country, especially in Amritsar. No reliable statistics regarding the incidence of the disease in human beings are, however, available. 2.16 per cent. of the 2,269 specimens of serum from human subjects from different States examined by the Armed Forces Medical College are reported to have given a positive result.

(c) No special public health measures have been taken by any of the States presumable because the incidence of 'Q' fever in human subjects is very low and the disease does not, therefore, appear to be a serious public health problem at present.

OVER AND UNDER-BRIDGES

130. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway over-bridges and under-bridges constructed in the year 1953-54 and so far in 1954-55;

(b) the names of the places where they were constructed;