

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASE-KHAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: What is the opinion of the Central Government with regard to family planning?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a matter of opinion.

#### KEY VILLAGE CENTRES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

•171. SHRIMATI CHANDRA V ATI LAKHANPAL: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of Key Village Centres in Himachal Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): Two.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: What is the target fixed for Himachal Pradesh?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The target depends upon the success of the present two key farms that we have started.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: Under the Plan what is the target fixed for Himachal Pradesh?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have got a target for the whole country. For Himachal Pradesh we have no target. Although there is no target fixed, any increase will depend upon the success of these two farms.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: What is the target of the whole country?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: For the whole country the target is 600 Key Village Centres.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: And the number so far fix-<ed?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The number is 109 artificial insemination centres attached to 323 villages.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: I mean the number of centres.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is what I mean too. The number of centres is 109. Each artificial insemination centre will have 3 or 4 Key villages attached to it.

SHRIMATI CHANDRAVATI LAKH-ANPAL: May I know the distinguishing features of the work that is carried on in these centres?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is the improving of the cattle wealth of the country. We selected those four villages and castrated all cow-bulls there. Through artificial insemination we improve cattle breeding and we will have controlled breeding in that area.

PROF. G. RANGA: What is the financial contribution, Sir, that the Government of India makes to these centres?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is 50 per cent, of the total. Both recurring and non-recurring, it comes to Rs. 25,000. The Centre meets half of it.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is it not a fact that, though it is more than a year, in many places where the Key Centres have been introduced, the local stud bulls have not been put out of action?

(No reply.)

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM WAGES ACT IN RELATION TO DOCK WORKERS

•172. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dock labourers in Bombay Port declined to accept their wages for the month of September 1953, as a pro-