

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether any action has been taken regarding the establishment of a Central Council for regulation, registration and practising of indigenous systems of medicine as was recommended by the Chopra Committee and the Planning Commission?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have any steps been taken for the registration of these practitioners in other systems?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The States are registering those whom they consider qualified.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: The question is that the Planning Commission recommended that there should be Central registration and this was also the recommendation of the Chopra Committee. I want to know whether any action has been taken on those recommendations.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: A Central register is being drawn up.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: Is it a fact that in the Drug Research Institute at Lucknow, researches are being carried on in indigenous drugs also and if so, what has been the progress so far? Has the Institute published any report showing the progress of work in this respect so far?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Some research is being carried out but I have not yet received any report about the progress.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: How long has this research been carried on at Lucknow? For over a year, I suppose?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe. Next question.

EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE W.H.O. AND UNESCO FOR PROMOTION OF HEALTH IN INDIA

*304. **SHRI B. P. AGARWAL:** Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state the amount spent by the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cul-

tural Organisation on the promotion of health in India during each of the last three years separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): The World Health Organisation has given to India advisory and demonstration services in various fields of health and has incurred on such services an expenditure of U.S. \$ 242, 447, 399, 465 and 474, 894 during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952.

Presumably the hon. Member is referring to UNICEF and not UNESCO. Since the commencement of its activities in India in 1948, UNICEF has so far allocated to India equipment and supplies worth U.S. \$ 8,547,000 for various health development programmes all over the country. Information about UNICEF assistance separately for the last three years is not available. UNESCO has not spent any amount on the promotion of health in India.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether any portion of these grants is being utilized for the promotion of indigenous systems of medicine?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: No.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: For homœopathy?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: No.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether the World Health Organization is spending the amount of its own accord or on requisition by the Government of India?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Naturally all the money that the Government of India gets is at its own request and is spent according to the wishes of the Government of India.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is the amount to be repayable to the W.H.O.?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know whether Government will consider the advisability of recommending grants from such organisations to the indigenous systems?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: It would be impossible to get from the W.H.O. grants in favour of the indigenous systems of medicine.

PROF. G. RANGA: Has any effort been made? This kind of answer is very unhappy. May I know whether Government had made any effort at all? Even before they make an effort, the hon. Minister says it is impossible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Because they know their views.

PROF. G. RANGA: What do they mean by that? How can they know their views? Has any representation been made by the Government of India about this?

MR. CHAIRMAN: In other words, whether it is merely your impression that they would not favour expenditure on indigenous systems of medicine or whether it is the result of any representation made?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: The money that is given by the W.H.O. is generally given for fellowships abroad. That naturally could not apply to the indigenous systems of medicine. They are also giving technical experts. That also cannot apply to the indigenous systems of medicines. They give us equipment. That also would not apply to the indigenous systems of medicines. I suggest to the hon. Member that so far as our own systems are concerned, it is for our own Government to encourage them or not, and not to ask for foreign aid.

WAGONS, COACHES AND LOCOMOTIVES FOR THE RAILWAYS

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

(a) how many wagons, coaches and engines have been ordered for the

Indian Railways in the year 1953-54 and from which places;

(b) out of the wagons, coaches and engines ordered in the year 1952-53, how many were received;

(c) whether in some cases the delivery was not given as per agreement;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative what are the names of the manufacturing concerns which did not keep up their obligations to deliver the wagons, coaches and engines; and

(e) when India is expected to be self-sufficient in wagons, coaches and engines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) So far—

Wagons—8,090 in India and 10 in the U.K.;

Coaches—62 (12 in Italy and 50 in Switzerland);

Locomotives—50 in India; but further orders are expected to be placed shortly against the 1954-55 Programmes.

(b) Wagons—350 up to 31st July 1953.

Coaches—Nil.

Locomotives—Nil.

(c) No. Delivery of the orders placed in 1952-53 is not due completion before March 1954.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is already self-sufficient for normal replacement requirements of coaches and wagons. For the traffic demands at the present level, however considerable additional rolling stock is required and it is hoped that in the next 3 to 4 years all such requirements can be manufactured in the country, with the exception of a few specialised items which will not be wanted in large numbers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The answer to (b) was that out of the wagons, coaches and engines ordered in the year 1952-53, 350 wagons were receiv-