

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): Yes. The issue price of rice has been raised from three annas ten pies to five annas nine pies per Cochin Nazhi, as a result of an order of the Government of Travancore-Cochin raising their issue rate.

OVERTIME ALLOWANCE OF THE COCHIN PORT WORKERS

\*29. SHRI M. MANJURAN: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether rates of the overtime allowance paid to all sections of workmen at the Cochin Port are uniform; if not, why not?

The DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): No. Employees governed by the Factories Act and the Minimum Wages Act are eligible for overtime allowance at double the ordinary rate and other workmen are allowed overtime allowance at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the ordinary rate.

1. [Postponed to 3rd September 1953.]

ALLOWANCES OF THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES

2. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal employees all over India receive dearness allowance at the same rate; and

(b) if not, what is the basis on which dearness allowance and other facilities are provided for at different places?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHANUR): (a) The scale of dearness allowance is uniform all over India.

(b) Does not arise.

FAMILY PLANNING

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

(a) the expenditure incurred in starting a family planning experiment centre at Ramanagaram in Mysore State;

(b) the work so far done by that centre;

(c) the period for which this work is to be continued at that centre;

(d) whether similar centres are likely to be started in other parts of the State; and

(e) how many centres are altogether functioning in India?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) Rs. 45,000 up to June 1953.

(b) A statement containing the information required is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Up to the latter part of 1954.

(d) The question of starting more centres will be decided on receipt of the recommendations of the Family Planning Research and Programmes Committee.

(e) Three.

STATEMENT

*Work done at Ramanagaram Family Planning Centre*

Fourteen villages with a total population of about 8,000 have been selected for the experiment. In September and October 1952, an attitude survey was made of all couples with wives under 40 years of age to find those who would be willing to learn a method of family planning. Of the 941 couples interviewed among 712 or 70 per cent. one or both partners expressed willingness to learn a method. Of those, 208 wives could be