

included immediately for active follow-up because they were currently menstruating. Of the remaining, 126 wives were pregnant and the other 378 had not started menstruating after the termination of previous pregnancy. They are also under observation and will be taken for active follow-up when they start menstruating again. In addition, couples who have changed their minds since the attitude survey and now want to learn a method of family planning are also included for follow-up.

By the end of June 1953, 385 menstruating women had been actively followed for various lengths of time. Tentative advice on the rhythm method is given after the examination of three menstrual cycles. Final rhythm is worked out on the basis of six menstrual cycles.

Up to the end of June 1952, 57 couples had been given rhythm advice. Of those, 31 are following the method with the help of beads, 24 others are using simplified calendar cards, and 2 couples are following the method by memory counts.

65 women ready for receiving the rhythm advice were not willing to accept either beads or calendars; work is in progress to evolve procedures which will be acceptable to them.

Work is also in progress to develop procedures by which the rhythm method can be prescribed without detailed examination of the menstrual cycle of each woman. In due course, the effectiveness of such generalized procedures will also be evaluated.

OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES

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

(a) how many applications for the opening of new post offices were received by the Posts and Telegraphs Department from Madras, Mysore and

Travancore-Cochin States in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(b) what is the number of villages in each of these three States which have a population of 2,000 or more but have no post office?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, Annexure No. 2.]

MILK SUPPLY SCHEMES OF THE I.C.A.R.

5 SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many milk supply schemes have already been started by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and how many such schemes are likely to be started by that Council in the year 1953-54; and

(b) the places where these have been started and are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) Only one scheme has been started so far. No other scheme is proposed to be started by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the current financial year.

(b) The existing scheme is running at Delhi.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION

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

(a) whether any officers of the International Civil Aviation Organisation or of the World Meteorological Organisation have visited India to advise on the proper meteorological standards and facilities necessary for the safety of air navigation;