

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : We have not yet started the work. It is proposed to be started in 1954-55.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : How much do you intend spending in 1954-55 ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I am sorry I shall require notice.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Will the hon. Minister assure us that top priority will be given to this project ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I cannot say top priority but we are giving priority to this project but we do not expect that it will be completed earlier than perhaps 1956-57.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Does this mean that the proposed Hassan-Mysore link will be abandoned or has been abandoned ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : Why should it be abandoned ?

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Because such a big priority has been given to the other project, will this also be taken up ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : Of course, if it is approved.

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET GRANT

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

(a) the names of Part A, Part B and Part C States which were given grants out of the discretionary budget grant of Rs. 3,00,000 disbursed during the year 1951-52; and

(b) to what extent was each of these States helped out of the above discretionary fund

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR) (a) & (b) Grants are given to voluntary organisations and medical institu-

tions in different States in need of help and not to State Governments as such.

A statement showing the grants Sanctioned to various institutions statewide during 1951-52 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, Annexure No. 46]

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Is there a Board of Management to control these funds ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : These funds are at the disposal of the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Finance is always taken into consultation.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Is it a permanent grant or does it vary according to needs ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : So far at my special request it is being given every year.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Do you call for applications to give the grants ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : No, Sir. I do not call for applications. But I am already flooded by applications.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Has it been brought to your notice that the Government of Cochin and Mysore have not been given a single pie ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : Probably they did not apply.

BEGAM AIZAZ RASUL : Do the Government receive reports from these organisations and institutions as to how these funds were being used and are the Government satisfied that the funds are properly used ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : Not a single pie is given to any institution unless audited accounts are supplied to us and unless we are assured by the Government of the State or by the organisations sponsoring the

appeal that the money will be properly spent.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : May I know the types of voluntary organisations to which these funds are given ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : Well, for example, the Ramakrishna Mission which do a very great deal of good work. There are other institutions like the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital in Calcutta. There are institutions that are doing leprosy work. For example there is a very fine leprosy clinic recently started at Amraoti in Madhya Pradesh and there are some Mission Hospitals and institutions that are doing good work for T.B. and other diseases.

BEGAM AIZAZ RASUL : Is priority given to those organisations which deal with women and children's diseases and their requirements ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : No priority is given. Grants are made according to the work, the calibre of the work and the needs of the organisation concerned.

CREDIT FACILITIES TO PUBLISHERS FOR CARRIAGE OF NEWSPAPER PARCELS

*64-A. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether credit facilities are allowed to publishers for the carriage of newspaper parcels over the Railways;

(b) whether the publishers make their payments regularly ;

(c) whether any publisher in Madras had defaulted towards the end of last year to the extent of thousands of rupees;

(d) whether in spite of such default, credit was continued to such publisher; and

(e) whether publishers enjoying credit facilities still owe large sums of money to the Railways ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, just as to other firms of repute.

(b) Generally payments have been regular except in a very few instances.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes, as the payments due were eventually made even though after some delay.

(e) No. Credit facilities have, however, been withdrawn from 'Dinasari' of Madras and 'Hindustan Newspapers Limited' of Bombay for continuing to default in payment.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Sir, I asked in part (e) whether publishers enjoying credit facilities still owe large sums of money.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I have said that as the payments due were eventually made, there is nothing in arrears now.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Is it possible for the hon. Minister to lay a statement on the Table to let us know which publisher owes how much ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : There are no arrears. But if the hon. Member wants and if he can kindly come to me, I can give him the figures.

REFIXATION OF PAY SCALES OF STORES DISTRIBUTORS OF EX-B. N. RAILWAY

*65. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation during May 1952 on behalf of the Stores Distributors of ex-B. N. Railway regarding refixation of their present scale of pay;