

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : I have already shown the position in the statement which I have laid on the Table of the House.

No State Government has opened clinics and Government are aware of the fact.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY : Will the Central Government be pleased to direct Provincial or State Governments to open more and more clinics in view of the increasing population of the country ?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : It is a suggestion for action.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : Is it not a fact that the work of Planning Commission is greatly handicapped by the lack of family planning in the country ?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : That again is a matter of opinion.

SHRI B. RATH : Isn't the Home Department helping the Government in reducing the population ?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Order, order.

BEGAM AIZAZ RASUL : May I know whether the Central Government is prepared to contribute any money to the Provincial Governments for this purpose ?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR : No, Sir.

ISSUE OF SPECIAL POSTAL STAMPS

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

(a) how many times the Indian Postal authorities have issued special postal stamps from August 1947 to date;

(b) what was the net income to the Government on each of those occasions ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to issue any special postage

stamps in the near future; and, if so, when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) and (6). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, Annexure 45.]

(c) Yes, on the occasion of the next Gandhi Jayanti.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : May I know how many of these stamps were exported to foreign countries ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : It is difficult to say how many were exported; but quite a number of philatelists from foreign countries did buy these stamps from us.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : May I know in what denominations the new stamps are proposed to be issued ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : The exact denominations have not been decided, but we will take a rational view.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Are you having any national events described in a planned manner ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : They will be taken up for consideration later on> Sir.

PENSION RULES FOR I.A.S. OFFICERS

*58. SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether pension rules have been framed for I.A.S. officers;

(b) whether retired officers of this service have been drawing only provisional pensions; and

(c) if so, what measures Government contemplate to relieve the hardship from which they are suffering ?

THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI N. KATJU) : (a) Not yet.

(b) Yes.

(c) When Pension Rules for the Indian Administrative Service are finalised, readjustments will be made with retrospective effect.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : ' Will the hon. Minister give us an idea of the time they would take for the Rules to be finalised ?

SHRI K. N. KATJU : I hope at an early date.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Will the hon. Minister consider when making readjustments to include interest also to which they may be entitled ?

SHRI K. N. KATJU : I am in favour of the Muslim rule that no interest should be allowed.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Will you enforce that in all kinds of transactions ?

(No answer.)

STOCKING OF PARCELS OVER KOZIKODE (CALICUT) RAILWAY STATION PLATFORM

*⁵⁹. SHRI E. RY IMBICHIBAVA:

Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

p (a) whether the Government is aware that due to stocking of parcels all over Kozikode (Calicut) Railway station platform great inconvenience is caused to passengers who have not even standing space on the platform; and

P (b) whether Government propose to take steps to see that the platform is cleared of all these parcels, and arrangements are made to store these parcels in some other places ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, a certain amount of inconvenience is caused to the passengers on account of stocking of parcels at Calicut platform.

(b) A proposal for the provision of a separate Parcels Office is under consideration.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : Is the hon. Minister aware that the platform is used also as a goods stocking place ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : That is true.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : And there is not even convenient standing space for the passengers ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR : I have already said that a proposal for the provision of a separate Parcels Office is under consideration. We have also opened a Town Booking Office and introduced a parcels delivery system and perhaps this has resulted in some improvement.

EQUIPMENT OF AIRFIELDS

*«I. SHRI O. SOBHANI : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the airfields in India where night planes operate are adequately equipped with radar, wireless and lighting arrangements; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) be in the negative, whether Government propose to instal the necessary equipment at these airfields ; and, if so, when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) They are provided with adequate wireless and lighting facilities but not radar aids as these, though desirable, are not considered essential in the weather conditions and traffic density in India.

(fc) Does not arise.

SHRI O. SOBHANI : Is the wireless and lighting equipment quite modern ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : That is as modern as possible within our means.