

collected at the time of despatch of sugar from the factories. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 270.26 lakhs was realised on account of additional excise duty on sugar despatched upto 30th September 1953, out of the stocks of 1952-53 season's production. A further sum of Rs. 86.41 lakhs is expected to be collected on the balance quantity of sugar produced during that year.

**RECRUITMENT OF CLERKS IN MADRAS  
POSTAL CIRCLE**

98. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any competitive examination was held in 1952 for recruiting clerks under the Madras Postal Circle;

(b) if so, (i) the number of Scheduled Castes candidates and (ii) the number of Scheduled Tribes candidates who sat for the examination; and

(c) the number of candidates finally selected for appointment from (i) the Scheduled Castes and (ii) the Scheduled Tribes?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes;

(b) 345 Scheduled Castes and 11 Scheduled Tribes candidates.

(c) 273 Scheduled Castes and 11 Scheduled Tribes candidates.

**Zamindari SYSTEM**

99. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the States where *Zamindari* system or similar feudal system still continues;

(b) the State where it has been abolished; and

(c) the States where Bills for its abolition are under consideration?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) to (c). A

note on the progress made on the Abolition of Intermediaries is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 9.]

**LAND RECLAMATION**

100. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of land reclaimed in India since 1947; and

(b) the target of reclaiming land in 1953-54 by the Central Tractors Organisation?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) During the six years beginning with the 1947-48 reclamation season the Central Tractor Organisation has reclaimed a total area of 9,83,797 acres in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Bhopal and Punjab; while an additional acreage of 17,62,186 has been reclaimed by the States with the help of their own tractors.

(b) The targets for reclamation during the 1953-54 reclamation season are (i) clearance of 2,47,500 acres of Kans-infested lands, and (ii) 8,000 acres of jungle clearance.

**TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN DISTRICT  
HEADQUARTERS**

101. **Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state the number of District Headquarters which have not got Telegraph Offices at present?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Six.

**FREIGHT ON IMPORTED FOODGRAINS**

102. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the freight paid to Indian Railways for carrying imported foodgrains during the year 1952-53?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** The information