

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** With reference to the reply to part (d) of the question, may I know whether those students who are trained as Overseers and Wireless Operators are also given stipends; if so, how much, and the period of training also?

**Shri Hathi:** The overseers and the trainees for wireless operators were being given stipend at the rate of Rs 100 per month. The period of training was about a year in both the cases.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any training school is going to be opened in Bhutan by the Bhutaneses themselves and, if so, whether any help has been asked for in that direction?

**Shri Hathi:** No training school for wireless operators is to be opened in Bhutan. But these trainees are being trained at the Training Centre of the P & T Department at Jubbulpore.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know in which institutions these boys are being trained in India?

**Shri Hathi:** I said it is at the Training Centre of the Posts and Telegraphs Department at Jubbulpore for wireless operators. As regards rain-gauge observation and river-gauge reading it involves only a course of three to four weeks and no school is necessary for the purpose.

#### Central Godowns

\*1285. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the present storage capacity of Central godowns in the country?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** The present total capacity of Central Government godowns in the country for storage of foodgrains is 8,86,900 tons.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** May I know what is the amount of buffer stock that the Government propose to maintain, and how much of that will be stored in the present godowns and

how much expansion Government propose to provide for storage?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Government have at present more than about 7 lakh tons of foodgrains. We intend to build up 2 million tons of reserve stock in the country to be kept mostly in the cities and importing centres like Bombay and Calcutta, and when we require more space, we go on procuring from the Port Trusts, Corporations and other private bodies.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** What is the quantity of foodgrains damaged during last two years due to inefficient and insufficient capacity of godowns in the country, and how much is the loss in terms of money to the exchequer?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Very, very low. It comes to less than 33 per cent. In fact, compared to the world loss, it has been found by our experts that we have the least amount of food-grain losses due to bad preservation and other things.

**Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:** When will Government implement the scheme to construct more godowns under the Central Warehousing Corporation?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** The Corporation intends to have about 100 godowns all over the country in places of all India importance. I think very soon a beginning will be made and by the end of the Second Plan period, we hope to complete these 100 godowns.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** The idea of having a buffer stock of 2 million tons is there for several years. What is the present quantity of our buffer stock?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** We have about 7 lakh tons at present.

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** Is it a fact that an offer was made by the American Government for the construction of warehouses more than a year ago and that it took Government more than a year to decide upon the construction

of the first warehouse? If so, what is the reason for this delay?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** It was not a question of warehouses; it was a question of some prefabricated construction. There bulk storage was involved. There was some difference of opinion with regard to the silo system. Indian labour opposed the silo system, because there is ample manpower to unload the grain. So Government have to consider this question also.

**Shri Punnoose:** What is the number of Central godowns in the State of Kerala and the total storage capacity thereof?

**Mr. Speaker:** The same question came up the other day, where the godowns would be built, why on the sea-side or near the ports, why inside and what number and so on. Shri V. P. Nayar asked the question.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** I did not ask.

**Mr. Speaker:** Some hon. Member asked.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** The hon. Minister mentioned the quantity of buffer stock to be maintained as 2 million tons. In view of the very acute foreign exchange position, how far is the import programme of food-grains going to be pruned?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** According to present programme, we will be having more than a million tons of wheat in buffer stock by the end of this year. We will also be having sufficient quantity of rice in buffer stock.

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\*1286. { **Shri Kodiyam:**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of candidates interviewed and kept on the waiting list for class III appointments by the Railway Service Commission,

Calcutta, for more than one year as on the 1st July, 1957.

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** Nil. Waiting list is maintained by the Commissions to meet unforeseen requisitions but it is valid for one year only.

**Shri Kodiyam:** Is it a fact that some of the candidates were interviewed and selected by the Commission in 1956 and since then they have not been given appointment letters? If so, what is the specific reason for the delay?

**Mr. Speaker:** For one year they are kept on the list?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We keep on the waiting list only for one year.

**Shri Ranga:** You were good enough to supplement the question. What happens thereafter? Do Government strike them off the list or do they provide them jobs?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The names of all the people selected are sent to the railways for issuing appointment letters. All the requirements of the railways are filled from this list. To meet any emergent situation, the Railway Service Commission maintain a list of people who may be called, within a period of one year. Some of these people may have been on that list, but at the expiry of that period, their names are struck off.

**Shri Ranga:** Is there no system by which those people would be informed that their names have been removed from the list after the expiry of six months? Otherwise, they would be waiting for this instead of trying for some other jobs.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** It is usually advertised that there are so many vacancies for panel to be maintained for such and such categories of posts on the railways. By the advertisement itself the candidates who apply know that they are going to be selected for a panel which is maintained for one year. It is open to them to take their