

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. F. S. Deshmukh): (a) Sun Hemp is a fibre allied to Jute, but it is not a good substitute for Jute

(b) It is not proposed to popularize its cultivation to replace Jute

Agricultural Journalism

*71. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1330 on the 10th September, 1959 and state

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce Agricultural Journalism as one of the subjects in which M.Sc degree may also be offered at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi,

(b) what are the basic educational and other requirements which are necessary for a candidate to get admission in Ph D Degree course, and

(c) the number of students admitted this year for Ph D course and their State-wise break-up?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No

(b) The candidate must have an M.Sc degree of a recognised University or Associateship of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in the relevant field of science

(c) A list showing the number of students admitted this year for Ph D course and their State-wise break-up is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha

LIST

State-wise list of the candidates selected for admission to the Ph D courses in October, 1958

State	No. admitted
Andhra Pradesh	2
Bihar	10
Bombay	6

State	No. admitted
West Bengal	3
Madhya Pradesh	4
Rajasthan	2
Delhi	6
Mysore	2
Punjab	6
Kerala	3
Madras	1
Assam	1
Kashmir	1
Uttar Pradesh	1
Himachal Pradesh	1
Yugoslavia (foreign)	1
TOTAL	50

Defective Construction of the ship 'Andamans'

*72 **Shri J. B. S. Bist:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether the French Consultant Company which built ship 'Andamans', for the Hindustan Shipyard is not inclined to pay any compensation for the defective designing of the ship on the ground that designing was done by Indians,

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the contention of the Company, and

(c) if not, what measures Government are taking to secure compensation from the company?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) The matter is still under negotiation with the French firm

Abolition of Second Class on Railways

*73 **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1770 on the 9th April, 1959 and state the progress since made in respect of abolition of the Second Class accommodation on Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): No tangible progress has since been made in this direction