

charges of upper class suburban season ticket fares have also to be so adjusted as to attract traffic to the upper classes.

TRAIN BETWEEN BILASPUR AND DANGARGARH

*621. **Shri Kirolikar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a local train was running between Bilaspur and Dangargarh and it was stopped during war time on the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-start the train?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) This service has already been included in the list of trains to be restored when coaching stock and power position improves, and it stands fifth in the order of priority on the Eastern Railway.

SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO WEST BENGAL

*622. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of rice and wheat would be supplied to Calcutta and Industrial area in West Bengal during the year 1953;

(b) whether the Government of India have asked the Government of West Bengal to contribute any quota of rice to the Central Food stock; and

(c) if so, what is the quantity of rice required of the Government of West Bengal?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Government of India have agreed to look after the feeding of Calcutta in 1953, and the required quantities will be supplied.

(b) and (c). One-and-a-half lakhs tons of rice will be contributed by West Bengal to the Central Food stocks, and this may be raised if the actual crop position is found to be better than the preliminary estimates so far received.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

*623. **Shri Rup Narain:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) how many Vocational Training Centres are in India under the administration of Ministry of Labour;

(b) whether the trainees are given certificates, diplomas or degrees which have been recognised;

(c) if the certificates are not recognised, why it is so and whether Government are considering this question; and

(d) whether the trainees are given any assurance from Government for their employment after the training period is over?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) 62.

(b) and (c). Diplomas awarded to the successful trainees have been recognised by some of the State Governments and Central Government authorities. The matter has been taken up with the others.

(d) No.

WHEAT FROM ARGENTINE

201. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of wheat imported from Argentine during the last four years;

(b) the price at which the imports were made;

(c) whether any barter arrangements have been arrived at with the Argentine Government for supply of jute goods in return for their wheat; and

(d) if so, how much and at what calculated price?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The quantity of wheat imported from Argentine during the four years 1948 to 1951 and cost (including sea freight) of wheat imported during the first three years 1948 to 1950 were as follows:—

Year	Quantity in thousand tons.	Value in lakhs of rupees.
1948	90	356
1949	299	1140
1950	485	1761
1951	513	—

Wheat from Argentine has been imported on barter basis and in the public interest, it is not desirable to disclose the value of wheat imported in 1951.

No wheat has been imported during 1952.