

tration fees therefore should not be forfeited.

#### OVERCROWDING IN TRAINS

\*1389. **Shri P. Ramaswamy:** (a) Will the **Minister of Railways** be pleased to state whether any survey has been made in regard to overcrowding in Third Class carriages in trains on the Indian Railways?

(b) If so, what is the result of this survey?

(c) On which of the through trains on main lines has over-crowding been observed?

(d) What steps, if any, have been taken or are proposed to be taken to minimise over-crowding?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The recent surveys indicate that generally speaking main line through trains are well occupied and sometimes get over-crowded on certain sections and during certain periods of the year.

(c) Trains which generally experience over-crowding are shown in a statement which is placed on the Table of the House. [See appendix VI, annexure No. 24]

(d) Steps taken to minimise over-crowding include (i) introduction of additional trains;

(ii) extension of the run of some existing trains; and

(iii) re-adjustment of the scale of accommodation of the different classes on trains.

#### PRINTING PAPER

\*1390. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the **Minister of Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research is going on for making printing paper from bamboe pulps; and

(b) if so the progress made so far?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Yes.

(b) Laboratory and Pilot plant experiments have been carried out on the production of cheap grade printing papers like newsprint from bamboe. Arrangements are being made to carry out commercial trials in a paper mill.

#### BAD CLIMATE ALLOWANCE TO P AND T STAFF

\*1391. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the **Minister of Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey undertaken to classify certain stations for the payment of bad climate allowance to the employees of Posts and Telegraphs Department has since been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the survey was undertaken?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) and (b). Classification has been completed, but review of allowances has not been completed in the case of some localities. It is not practicable to make a review of allowances simultaneously in respect of all localities.

(c) In 1949.

#### EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRE AT MANDYA

\*1392. **Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the **Minister of Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an Extension Training Centre at Visvesvaraya Farm, Mandya, Mysore State;

(b) if so, how many trainees have been given training;

(c) whether it is a fact that these trainees went on a hunger strike last month; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Yes.

(b) 66

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.