

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) So far there has been no change in the orders already in force.

(b) Does not arise.

SOIL CONSERVATION

***706. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain States the work of control of erosion and conservation of soil is being done on a very limited scale;

(b) what work has been done so far in this direction; and

(c) whether any data relating to this work has been collected?

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

(b) and (c). A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 40.]

RAW SUGAR

***707.** { **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Raghavaiah:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to permit import of raw sugar during the year 1954;

(b) the approximate landed price of raw sugar; and

(c) the cost of refining the raw sugar?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes. There is a proposal to allow factories to import raw sugar for refining purposes, but the terms of such import acceptable to factories have not yet been finalised.

(b) About Rs. 16/- per maund.

(c) Very roughly from Rs. 4/- to 4/8/- per maund.

P. AND T. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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

(a) the number of surplus staff taken over from the Accountant-General's Office and absorbed in the P. & T. department;

(b) the conditions under which the above staff were absorbed; and

(c) whether the assurances given to the Union that the surplus staff so absorbed would not supersede in seniority the P. & T. employees who are already in service have been adhered to?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 149.

(b) They were treated as transferred.

(c) No such assurance was given to the Union.

TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN

118. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of Tehsil headquarters in Rajasthan where no telegraph offices exist?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): 95.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

119. Ch. Raghbir Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what are the reasons for the late submission of the appropriation accounts for Railways for 1949-50 for audit?

(b) Who was responsible for the late submission?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The late submission of the Appropriation Accounts for audit was due to delay in their compilation caused by the dislocation in the accounting