

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Statements showing the present wholesale prices of crystal sugar and *gur* in the various markets, are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 44.]

(b) and (c). Yes, a fall of Re. 1 to Rs. 3 per maund of sugar was recorded at port towns where imported sugar is mostly consumed.

#### TYPHOID IN AGARTALA

**\*233. Shri Biren Dutt:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state how many cases of typhoid occurred during December, 1953 in the town of Agartala (Tripura)?

(b) How many died on account of this disease?

(c) Is it a fact that contamination of water in the tube-wells is one of the causes for the attack?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Six.

(b) None.

(c) This is not likely.

#### उत्तर प्रदेश में नदियों पर रेल के पुल

\*२३४. श्री सिंहासन सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में नदियों पर रेल-पुलों की कुल संख्या कितनी है तथा दूसरे प्रकार के यातायात सम्बन्धी पुल कितने हैं ?

(ख) उन रेल-पुलों की संख्या कितनी है जिन से पिछले विश्वयुद्ध में बनाये गये "डैक" हटा दिये गये हैं; तथा

(ग) इस का कारण ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Information as to the total number of Railway river-bridges in Uttar Pradesh is being collected. There are, however, 22 Railway bridges in

U.P. which are used for other traffic also.

(b) Three.

(c) Deckings on these three bridges have been removed at the time of renewal of their girders, with the concurrence of the State Government and the Defence authorities concerned, for whose use these were provided.

#### SCHEDULED CASTES OFFICIALS IN MYSORE RAILWAY

**\*235. Shri Thimmaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many Scheduled Caste Graduate officials there are in ex-Mysore State Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** 7.

#### SCHEDULED CASTES REPRESENTATION IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**\*236. Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of appointments made to class I and II posts on the Southern Railway during 1952-53;

(b) whether any Scheduled Castes were selected; and

(c) if so, how many and to what posts?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The number of permanent appointments made to Class I and II Services is 3 and 10 respectively. 39 officiating appointments were made to Class II.

(b) and (c). One Scheduled Caste employee was appointed in an officiating capacity to Class II as Assistant Traffic Superintendent. No candidate was appointed to Class I.

#### EXHIBITION TRAINS

**\*237. Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Indian

Centenary Exhibition Train would be taken to all the States?

(b) What are the States that have so far been visited by these trains?

(c) How long is this itinerary to continue?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, to all States served by Railways.

(b) Assam, Bhopal, Bihar, Bombay, East Punjab, Hyderabad, Madhya Bharat, Madhya Pradesh, PEPSU, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) The itinerary is expected to continue till the end of June 1954.

#### TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SCHEME

**\*238. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the subjects in which the three officials of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation are receiving training in the United Kingdom under the Technical Co-operation Scheme of the Colombo Plan;

(b) what is the training cost; and

(c) whether the Central Government are bearing the same?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a), (b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 45.]

#### चीनी का आयात

**\*२३९. सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५३ में चीनी की कुल कितनी मात्रा का आयात किया गया ; तथा

(ख) सरकार को इसमें यदि कोई लाभ हुआ तो कितना ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 1.39 lakh tons.

(b) The accounts of the quantities received in 1953 have not yet been finalised.

#### INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CONSULTATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

**\*240. { Sardar A. S. Saigal:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**

(a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1207 asked on the 21st December, 1953 and state how many countries participated in the sub-committee of International Telephone Consultative Committee which met in Lahore from the 2nd to the 14th December, 1953?

(b) Were any delegates sent by the International Consultative Committee and World Meteorological Organisation?

(c) When will the Project be completed and what are the arteries of communications envisaged in the plan?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) The draft plans drawn up by the Sub-Committee would be examined and approved by the Committee during 1954; and then recommended to Administrations for their consideration. No target date for completion is usually set, as the implementation depends on various national factors.

A list of the main arteries of telecommunication envisaged and a map showing them are placed on the Table. [Annexure No. 46 placed in the Library. Please see Library Index No. S-47/54.]