

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION

*705. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the cost incurred by India upto the date for which figures are available, in connection with the Food and Agriculture Organisation?

The Minister for Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The Government of India have paid to the Food and Agriculture Organisation a sum of Rs. 54,94,065/- on account of her annual contributions for the calendar years from 1945 to 1953.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know if this country had received any benefit commensurate with the amount spent on our association with this organisation?

Shri Kidwai: We have been seeking their help whenever we require it.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: What I wanted to know was: if we have so far received any help commensurate with the amount that we have spent over it?

Shri Kidwai: All the members cannot receive proportionate help, but we may have received more than we have contributed.

Shri Nanadas: What sort of help have we received from this organisation?

Shri Kidwai: We receive help for the purposes for which this organisation was set up.

Mr. Speaker: What he means is: can he specify instances of the type of help received?

Shri Kidwai: Every year we receive some help, and if the hon. Member wants, I shall send him a list of all the items in which we have received help in the past and we will receive help in the future. (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. We must proceed to the next question.

AMERICAN TOURISTS

*706. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the number of American tourists

who visited India from January to June, 1954?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The number is 4461.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know whether some complaint has been made by these tourists in regard to improper arrangement of guides on trains and in places of visit?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We have not received any specific complaints to that effect.

Shri Joachim Alva: When the American and other foreign tourists take full-length pictures of Kashmir and other places, do they obtain permission from the Ministry of Transport, and when such permission is given, are the Home Ministry and the External Affairs Ministry consulted?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): We are not concerned with the giving of permission for the taking of photographs.

Diwan Raghavendra Rao: May I know which of the States in India has attracted the majority of these tourists?

Shri Alagesan: That is known to all.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know how long they stay in India for their tour purposes?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It varies in each individual case.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know whether any attempt is made to give these tourists some idea of the cultural background of India as well?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Certainly, we give very wide publicity to the cultural side too.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the methods adopted.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.