

(b) if so, what will be the cost of running the Centre; and

(c) who will bear this cost?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Yes.

(b) About Rs. 3½ lakhs.

(c) The major portion of the cost i.e. about 3 lakhs will be borne by the F.A.O., and the remaining cost by the participant countries including India, the cost to the Government of India being Rs. 15,000/-.

VITAL HEALTH STATISTICS DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

***636. Ch. Raghbir Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the place selected for the establishment of a vital Health Statistics Demonstration Centre; and

(b) the estimated expenditure for the proposed Centre?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No decision has yet been taken.

(b) The total expenditure on the establishment of the proposed Centre spread over a period of five years is estimated at Rs. 58,000/-.

ABSORPTION OF *ex*-TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES

***639. Shri Nambar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of *ex*-employees of the Madras Tramways employed on the Railways; and

(b) whether any restriction has been placed on their recruitment?

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

(a) 185.

(b) No, Sir.

NEW TRANSMITTING STATION, DELHI

***642. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Transmitting Station at Delhi as mentioned in

the First Five Year Plan of Development of Foreign Communications has started functioning; and

(b) if not, by what time it is expected to be in operation?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). The proposed new Transmitting Station at Delhi has not yet started functioning. It is hoped that it will be ready for operation by about the middle of 1955.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

***643. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat purchased by Government under the International Wheat Agreement and the quantity that has already arrived in the country; and

(b) how it has been distributed to different States?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) The International Wheat Agreement year is from the 1st August to the 31st July. During the year commencing from the 1st August, 1954, 5,27,000 tons of Wheat have been purchased under the Agreement of which about 84,000 tons have already arrived.

(b) The wheat already arrived has been allocated as follows:—

Madras	1,800 tons.
Mysore	700 tons.
Andhra	1,400 tons.
West Bengal	46,300 tons.
Bombay	16,700 tons.
Bihar	9,800 tons.
Assam	2,000 tons.
Orissa	1,800 tons.
Hyderabad	500 tons.
Defence Services.	3,000 tons.

TOTAL .. 84,000 tons