

(ग) पर्यटकों को क्या सुविधाएँ दी जाती हैं और देश के विभिन्न भागों में स्थित पर्यटक कार्यालयों के ऊपर कितना व्यय होता है ?

(घ) क्या पर्यटकों को ले जाने के लिये भारत में सरकार के पास विशेष बसें हैं ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) 1951 about 20,000 tourists. First four months of 1952...7,235 tourists.

(b) Attention is invited to the reply to starred question No. 144 given on 20th February 1952.

(c) The facilities provided by the Government include tourist information offices, tourist literature and guide services. For the overseas visitors frontier formalities have been simplified and a Tourist Introduction Card which is issued to them ensures special assistance in respect of quick customs clearance, railway reservation and accommodation in dak bungalows.

The expenditure incurred on the Regional Tourist Offices in 1950-51 and 1951-52 is Rs. 1,04,985 and Rs. 1,25,200 respectively.

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RANAGHAT-LALGOLAGHAT RAILWAY LINE

*1482. **Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for extending the Ranaghat-Lalgolaghat Branch line of the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railways beyond Lalgola upto Jangipore in the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal connecting Jangipore directly by rail with Calcutta;

(b) when the said scheme is likely to be taken in hand; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation on the subject from the local people of Jangipore?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No such scheme is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

PAPER MILLS

*1485. **Shri Jhunjhunwala:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are aware, or their attention has been

drawn to the accumulation of stocks and reduction in the output of some of the paper mills engaged in the manufacture of special varieties of papers and boards due to the non-availability of wagons for the movement of such papers and boards?

(b) What steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Railways to make available to the mills concerned their minimum requirements of wagons, so that production can at least go on unhampered?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes. Representations in this regard have recently been received from Messrs. Rohtas Industries Ltd., Dalmanagar, and also on their behalf from the Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Indian Paper Mills Association, Calcutta.

(b) Being the finished products of the paper factory, their paper and boards constitute 'preferential traffic' under item 9(v) of the Railway Board's General Order No. 7, dated 16th June 1952 which covers finished products of certain industries including the Paper and Straw Board factories. The requirements given by Messrs. Rohtas Industries Ltd. are for *via* Waltair to the South and *via* Balharshah to Secunderabad (for Mushirabad out agency) the movements for which are subject to limited capacities, shared by the various types of essential traffic. The feasibility of accommodating their traffic to a greater measure than at present is under consideration.

PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN MADHYA PRADESH

*1488. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of land were under cotton cultivation in Madhya Pradesh in 1951-52 season;

(b) the quantity of cotton that was produced in the same year; and

(c) the varieties of long staple cotton that are produced in Madhya Pradesh?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) 1951-52, Final Estimates of Cotton are not yet available. According to the fourth estimate, the area under cotton in Madhya Pradesh in 1951-52 was 3,021 thousand acres.

(b) The quantity produced according to the Fourth Estimate is 691 thousand bales of 392 lbs. each of cotton lint.

(c) H. 420 of Madhya Pradesh Verum Combondia and Burl.

**INTEGRATION OF POST OFFICES
IN RAJASTHAN**

*1495. **Shri Baiwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that integration of Post Offices in Rajasthan has not yet been finalised;

(b) when it is expected to be completed;

(c) how many post offices there were before the integration of Post Offices;

(d) whether they are all intact or not; and

(e) how many new Post Offices have been opened after taking over them?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 264.

(d) No, some ex-State Post Offices which existed side by side with Indian Union Post Offices have been closed.

(e) 285 rural and 8 urban.

प्रति एकड़ मध्यम-मान उपज

३४१. श्री एन० एल० जोशी: क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मन्त्री यत् चार वर्षों में प्रत्येक राज्य में हुई प्रत्येक पदार्थ की प्रति एकड़ मध्यमान उपज बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे।

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Statement I showing the average yield per acre of different crops of each State during the last 4 years is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 33.]

FOREIGN PLANTATIONS

342. **Shri Datar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plantations belonging to foreigners in the States of Mysore, Coorg, Madras and Travancore-Cochin;

(b) the total average and value of these plantations;

(c) the capital invested by them in each of the above States; and

(d) whether they receive any special treatment at the hands of the Government of India?

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The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). A reference is invited to the reply given to Starred Question No. 151 on the 23rd May, 1952.

(d) No, Sir.

QUARTERS FOR RAILWAY STAFF

343. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing quarters for the Railway staff at Katihar;

(b) the number of quarters necessary to accommodate the existing staff;

(c) the number of quarters proposed to be provided;

(d) whether the construction work has been taken up; and

(e) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) 1166.

(b) 3409, if every railway employee is to be given a quarter. Certain number of staff have their own arrangements and do not need railway quarters.

(c) Construction of 74 quarters was provided in 1951-52 Programme. 70 units have been programmed for construction during 1952-53, and the construction of 50 units is proposed to be provided in 1953-54 Programme.

(d) and (e). Construction of 74 quarters programmed for 1951-52 is nearing completion. The quarters programmed for the current year are expected to be completed by 31st March 1953.

"GROW MORE FOOD" CAMPAIGN

344. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what amount was sanctioned to carry on the "Grow More Food" Campaign in 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) Was the whole amount spent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Rs. 14.87 crores as loan and Rs. 10.37 crores as grant during 1950-51 and Rs. 10.95 crores as loan and Rs. 7.45 crores as grant during 1951-52.

(b) This information is not yet available. It can, however, be presumed that a substantial portion of the amounts sanctioned was spent by the State Governments.