

Shri L. B. Shastri: The Regional Commission has so far not done much. It is now proposed to take definite steps to expand the work.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, what are the countries that are represented on this Commission?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Australia, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Burma, Hong Kong, Malaya, Singapore, Thailand and a few other countries.

Shri Punnoose: May I know, Sir, the total expenditure that the Government have to bear for this Conference?

Shri L. B. Shastri: About Rs. 8,000.

TOURIST TRAFFIC ORGANISATION

*1586. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government in running the tourist Traffic Organisation and connected offices and Committees during the years 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to assess the result of setting up of these organisations and Committees;

(c) whether the sample surveys in respect of tourist earnings undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India have been completed; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the surveys made?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The total expenditure incurred on the Tourist Traffic Organisation and on Advisory Committees during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 was Rs. 1,500, Rs. 1,05,935 and Rs. 1,25,750 respectively.

(b) Periodical reports are called for from the Regional Tourist Officers, Honorary Regional Tourist Officers and Indian Missions abroad. Occasionally reports are also received from individual tourists regarding their impressions about tourist facilities in India. Special arrangements have also been made to collect statistics of tourist arrivals in India through the agency of the Collectors of Customs. These statistics show an upward trend in the flow of tourist traffic.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is in a position to state the number of tourists that visited India during these periods?

Shri L. B. Shastri: About 20 thousands.

Shri B. Shiva Rao: With reference to part (a) of the question, how much of this expenditure has been incurred on the opening of Centres in New York?

Shri L. B. Shastri: We have so far opened no special Centre in New York. But the other day we have decided to open a new Centre in New York.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether all the tourist officers contemplated to be appointed, have been appointed?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Yes, they have been appointed.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the tourists travelling in India are exempted from the prohibition rules?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Yes.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the amount of exchange earned on account of this industry?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Sample surveys are being made by the Reserve Bank of India and we have not received the report of the Reserve Bank so far.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if there are any other agencies in Europe to encourage tourist travel in India besides the centre contemplated for New York?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Our missions abroad are doing considerable work in this connection and they have been helping us a great deal.

INDO-PERSIAN AIR TREATY

*1587. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Indo-Persian Air Treaty talks have come to a close;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) the personnel of the Indian delegation sent and the expenditure incurred for the talks?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The hon. Member's attention is invited to the replies given to parts (b) and (c) of Dr. Ram Subhag Singh's Question No. 661 on the 10th June 1952. There has been no further development.

(c) The Indian delegation consisted of Shri P. K. Roy, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Communications with Shri S. Bujakowski of the Himalayan Aviation as Adviser. The expenditure incurred by Government for the talks was Rs. 3,310.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether Persia is one of the members of the International Civil Aviation Organisation?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think so but I am not quite sure about it.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether in all cases of civil aviation agreements such delegations are sent?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is always by negotiation that such agreements are arrived at.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether such agreements are negotiated at the meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organisation?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They are conducted through the various delegations or representatives of the countries concerned.

RAILWAY PRINTING PRESSES

*1588. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the printing equipments and Press Buildings of Railways have been investigated into;

(b) if so, who investigated the same;

(c) what are the findings and recommendations of the investigators; and

(d) how much worth of printing work was done by Presses other than Railway Presses?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) to (c). The investigation is being taken in hand. Mr. J. W. H. Elvin, Technical Adviser to the Stationery and Printing Department of Government of India is to conduct the investigations.

(d) Rs. 24.64 lakhs in 1950-51 and Rs. 25.81 lakhs in 1951-52.

Shri S. C. Samanta: What is the number of railway presses in India and what are their locations?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I shall require notice.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether printing work is given by the Railway Department to other private parties than the railway printing presses?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Yes.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether Government have received representations from the workers in the railway printing presses, whose cases are long overdue for decision?

Mr. Speaker: Representations from subordinates should not as far as possible be the subject matter of questions here. They should be examined on merits.

Shri Nambiar: I want to know what action has been taken.

Mr. Speaker: He is now changing the question.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the hon. Minister let us know when the investigation is expected to be completed?

Shri L. B. Shastri: It is difficult to answer that question. But Mr. Elvin has so far finished his investigation of the railway presses in Bombay and we hope to get his report on the other places, maybe in a month or so.

CENSUS REPORTS

*1589. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) when the Census Reports of 1951 will be printed, published and made available to the public;

(b) whether they will be published in parts or all together (viz. on the basis of All-India, State and District);

(c) the subject matters that will be contained in parts, if published separately;

(d) whether population by livelihood classes will be included; and

(e) whether any further steps have been taken to make the Census figures most accurate?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Attention is invited to the reply given to Part (a) of Prof. Agarwal's Starred Question No. 1115 on 23rd June, 1952.

(b) and (c). Attention is invited to para 59 of the Home Ministry's Report for 1951-52, a copy of which is available in the library of the House.

(d) Yes. The information asked for is given in Table III of the Census of India Paper No. 1 of 1952.