

(a) how many III class compartments of railway trains in the Central Zone are equipped with fans; and

(b) what is the percentage of such compartments to the total number of III class compartments in that zone?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**  
(a) 188 Carriages.

(b) 54 per cent. of the number due to be fitted with fans.

#### EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL STAFF

**173. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of extra Departmental staff employed in the P. & T. Department; and

(b) what are their rates of pay?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 56,460 as on 30th April, 1952.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

Designation of staff.	Basic allowance
(1) Extra Departmental Sub Postmasters and Extra Departmental Sorters.	upto Rs. 40/-
(2) Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters.	Rs. 10/- to 25/
(3) Extra Departmental delivery Agents.	upto Rs. 15/-
(4) Extra Departmental Stamp Vendor.	upto Rs. 35/-
(5) Extra Departmental Mail Carriers and other Extra Departmental Agents.	upto Rs. 30/-

#### ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MANIPUR AND TRIPURA

**174. Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) what are the road development plans for Manipur and Tripura; and

(b) what are the amounts allotted for such plans?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) The road development plans of Manipur and Tripura have not yet

been finalised, but they include works in progress and under consideration as mentioned in para. 32 and Appendix VIII, Part II of Transport Ministry's Report for 1951-52, which has been supplied to all Members and is available in the Library.

(b) The amounts fixed in the Draft Five-Year Plan as the limit of expenditure during the current five-year period ending with 1955-56 for road development in Manipur and Tripura are Rs. 81.26 lakhs and Rs. 1.00 crore respectively. The provision of Rs. 1.00 crore in the Tripura State plan is exclusive of the cost of the Agartala-Assam border road, which is being provided for separately by the Centre.

#### WHEAT-RICE EXCHANGE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

**175. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed wheat-rice exchange deal between India and Pakistan has fallen through;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the reported diversions of India-bound wheat ships to Karachi have materialized?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes.

(b) The terms proposed by the Government of India were not acceptable to Pakistan.

(c) No foodgrain ships were diverted to Pakistan.

#### RICE POSITION IN BIHAR

**176. Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government receive monthly or quarterly report from States about the stock position of foodgrains in the States; and

(b) if so, what was the position of rice in Bihar in the quarter ending the 31st March, 1952?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) The Government of India receive weekly reports on the stock position of foodgrains from the States.

(b) The closing stock of rice in Bihar on the 29th March, 1952 was 21,324 tons.