

(b) The course was held from the 15th July to the 15th October, 1952 at the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 25]

(d) Yes.

PURCHASE OF WHEAT FROM CANADA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between the Governments of India and Canada regarding the purchase of wheat from Canada;

(b) if so, what quantity of wheat will be purchased under that agreement and at what prices; and

(c) when are the shipments of wheat under that agreement likely to begin?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) 300,000 tons at prices already fixed under the International Wheat Agreement, 1949.

(c) January, 1953.

BONUS TO COAL-MINE EMPLOYEES AT BELLAMPALTE

*339. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for withholding the payment of 2nd Quarter Bonus to the coal-mine employees at Bellampalte, Hyderabad State; and

(b) whether the Government of India Bonus scheme for coal-mines in Hyderabad State has been implemented?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) The information is not available and is being collected.

(b) The Hyderabad Coal Mines Bonus Scheme drawn up on the lines of the Coal Mines Bonus Scheme, 1948, has been applied to Hyderabad State with effect from the 1st October, 1952.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES (CONFIRMATION)

*340. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether his assurance to confirm temporary employees in the Railways at the rate 5,000 per month has been adhered to by the Railway Board;

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(b) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the number of employees confirmed from 1st April to 30th September, 1952?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). The rate of confirmation at 5,000 per month is only an average to which Railways are endeavouring to work to. This figure has been as high as 6,743 in a certain month and as low as 2,214 in another month.

(c). The number of temporary employees confirmed during April, 1952, is 4,183 and that during May, 1952 is 2,906. Full figures for the subsequent months have not yet become available.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC CENTRES

*341. **Shri Madiab Gowda:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have so far benefited in Family Planning Clinic Centres started by the Central Government; and

(b) when Government intend starting more of such Centres?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The Centres have been started in the first instance, to conduct pilot studies in the rhythm method of family planning but the results of these studies cannot be expected much before two years. At this stage, therefore, it is not possible to state the actual number of persons who have benefited from them. But judging by the numbers of men and women who visit the centres, the response is very encouraging.

(b) Proposals to open two more Centres, one in Poonamalee (Madras) and the other in Singur near Calcutta are under consideration.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE FACTORY

*342. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the production of engines, planned and actual, at Chittaranjan so far; and

(b) the number of foreigners in the various departments connected with planning, execution etc.?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) A statement showing the original targets, the