

International Rice Commission held in Tokyo in 1954;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed there;

(c) the contribution that India made to the discussion; and

(d) the decisions taken by the Commission for implementation by the participating countries?

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

(b) Among the main subjects discussed were—Rice Breeding, manuring of rice with special emphasis on the use of fertilisers, soil-water-plant relationship, problems of mechanisation of rice production reducing losses in rice through improved operational method nutritional aspects and the use of rice fields for fish culture.

(c) and (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 58.]

#### INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM

\*209. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the conclusions arrived at in the International Philatelic Symposium, organised recently in Delhi in connection with the Stamp Centenary?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Papers were read by eminent philatelists personally or on their behalf and points of interest were discussed without arriving at any definite conclusions. The papers in question are being printed in the form of a book and will be released on sale.

#### LOCK OUT IN PURE DHANSAR COLLIERY BIHAR

\*211. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 1514 asked on the 30th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether any prosecution has been launched against the manage-

ment of Pure Dhansar Colliery, Bihar for non-payment of bonus since 1949; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to work the mines in view of shortage of coal in the country?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

#### IRON AND STEEL COMMITTEE OF THE I.L.O.

\*215. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the nature of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Iron and Steel Committee of the International Labour Organisation held at Geneva in the second week of October, 1954?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** A statement summarising the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix, I, annexure No. 57.]

#### CONCESSION TICKETS

\*219. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board granted concession return journey tickets to the philatelists visiting the International Philatelic Exhibition in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what was the concession given; and

(c) the number of persons who have availed of this concession?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Return tickets in I, II, Inter and III classes were issued to Delhi and New Delhi from places over 200 miles distant at 1½ single journey fares from 1st to 31st October, 1954.

(c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.