

International's service to some other countries; and

(d) if so, which are those countries?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Not yet, but proposals are in hand to increase the frequency.

(b) the main reason for this increase is the increased traffic potential on the route.

(c) and (d). Air India International have plans to extend their services to Japan and China, as soon as air transport agreements with these countries are concluded. The Corporation also proposes to introduce halts at Beirut (Lebanon), Prague (Czechoslovakia) and Zurich (Switzerland) on some of their services to the West.

RAW SUGAR AND JAGGERY

*875. **Shri Jhunjunwala:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the quantity and value of raw sugar and jaggery produced and imported during the years 1945 to 1955;

(b) whether there has been any export of these substances during the above period; and

(c) if so, to which countries?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 5.]

REPORTS OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES

*876. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the publication of the Annual Reports of the Chief Inspector of Mines in India for the years 1951 and 1952; and

(b) when they are likely to be ready for being placed on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): (a) Main contributory factors have been—

(i) Inordinate delay in a number of cases in the submission of prescribed statistical returns by the mines;

(ii) the time taken (a) in tabulating and processing them, (b) preparation of diagrams and plans and, (c) above all, in getting them printed.

(b) The report for the year 1951 which has now been published is available in the Parliament Library. The report for the year 1952 is expected to be published in about a month's time. Special steps are being taken to get the report for the year 1953 published within 4 or 5 months.

CENTRAL STUD BULL FARM

*879. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Stud Bull Farm in the Punjab;

(b) if so, when the farm is likely to be established; and

(c) the cost involved in establishing it?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

NEW RAILWAY LINES

*880. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion for connecting Bhatinda with Hanumangarh by a Broad-gauge system in place of the present metre-gauge has been received from the Rajasthan Government; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon?