

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a)

- (i) Rs. 18.66 lakhs approximately;  
 (ii) Rs. 264.17 lakhs approximately.  
 (b) Rs. 136.85 lakhs approximately.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** What is the rate at which the dearness allowance is now being paid?

**Shri Alagesan:** At the C.P.C. scale to those who have opted out of the grain shop concessions.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** What is the total quantum of this cash dearness allowance on the salary bills?

**Shri Alagesan:** I should like to have notice.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Do Government contemplate to reduce the cash dearness allowance in view of the fact that grain prices are falling now?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is a bigger question. It does not concern the Railway Ministry alone. But I may tell the House that there is no such intention.

**Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** May I know whether the railway employees who opted for cash allowances did so on account of the fact that they were supplied bad quality of rice?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is an old question now. It is already decided.

#### WIRELESS TELEPHONES IN AUTOMOBILES

\*2304. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for installing wireless telephones in automobiles has been drawn up by the Posts and Telegraphs Department;

(b) whether sanction has been accorded for the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if so, when it will be put into operation?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) The P. & T. Department do not have any scheme under consideration for providing telephones on moving vehicles.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### विन्ध्य प्रदश में अकाल

\*२२०५. श्री रत्नमन सिंह (श्री बी० डी० शास्त्री की ओर से): क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या विन्ध्य प्रदश सरकार ने उस राज्य में भकालगुस्त व्यक्तियों को सहायता देने के लिये केंद्रीय सरकार से आर्थिक सहायता देने की प्रार्थना की है ?

कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० वंशायुक्त): विन्ध्य प्रदश के किसी भी भाग में अकाल की स्थिति नहीं है। राज्य सरकार ने इस बारे में किसी भी प्रकार की केंद्रीय सहायता के लिये प्रार्थना नहीं की है।

#### CENTRAL TOBACCO RESEARCH INSTITUTE

\*2310. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Tobacco Research Institute proposes to organise a three-month training on flue-curing of cigarette tobacco at Rajahmundry and Guntur; and

(b) whether the trainees will be selected from all the States and if so, the number fixed for each State?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). A three-month training course in flue-curing of cigarette tobacco exists at Rajahmundry and Guntur since 1949-50. Trainees are admitted from all States but no State-wise quota is fixed.

श्री विश्वरूप मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि ट्रेनिंग के लिये गांव के किसानों के लड़के भेजे जायेंगे या तम्बाकू की खेती करते हैं या ऐसे नौजवान भेजे जायेंगे जो कंसल नौकरी के लिये ट्रेनिंग करना चाहते हैं ?