

## SHIPPING

**\*385. Shri Hem Raj :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) the total tonnage of ships added up to the end of 1955 to the Indian Mercantile marine ;

(b) whether any shortfall of the target fixed under the First Five Year Plan is expected ; and

(c) the target fixed for the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) It is presumed that information is required of the total tonnage added during the First Five Year Plan up to the end of 1955. If so, the net tonnage added after allowing for obsolescence of 91,000 GRT is about 90,000 GRT.

(b) The target envisaged at the end of the First Five Year Plan is 600,000 GRT. The present tonnage is about 480,000 GRT and ships totalling about 120,000 GRT are under various stages of construction at Indian and foreign yards. Thus the target set in the Plan would be achieved before long.

(c) 900,000 GRT.

## ALL INDIA MEDICAL CONFERENCE

**\*393. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government have considered the resolutions passed by the All India Medical Conference held at Jaipur on the 25th December, 1955?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) :** Government have looked into the resolutions passed by the All India Medical Conference held in December, 1955, with the consideration they merit.

## INTERNATIONAL RICE COMMISSION

**\*394. { Pandit D. N. Tiwary :  
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian representatives took part in the International Rice Commission discussion held at Penang (Malaya) in December last ; and

(b) the principal subjects discussed at the Conference?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** (a) Two officers representing the Govt. of India participated in the sixth meeting of the Working Party on Rice Breeding and the fifth meeting of the Working Party on Fertilizers of the I. R. C. which were held at Penang, Malaya.

(b) A copy each of the agenda for these meetings is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 54.]

## LIVESTOCK CENSUS

**\*395. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that livestock census would take place in India during this year?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** Yes. The eight all-India Quinquennial Livestock Census is to be conducted during this year, with 15th April, 1956 as the reference date.

## P. &amp; T. EMPLOYEES

**\*396. Shri Nambiar :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Posts and Telegraphs employees have demanded an enquiry into the question of manufacture and supply of uniforms to them; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the matter?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

(a) No. A reference has, however, been simultaneously received on the 15th February, 1956 from the National Federation of P. & T. employees requesting for certain relaxation in rules regulating supply of uniforms, umbrellas, etc. and demanding an enquiry into their supply. Most of the points raised are already under consideration and some of them have been considered several times in the past.

(b) The matter is under examination.

#### PRODUCTION COMMITTEES

\*397. **Ch. Raghurir Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Production Committees have been formed to increase the efficiency of the Industrial Units;

(b) if so, the functions of these Committees; and

(c) the progress made in the establishment of these Committees?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). In pursuance of the Industrial Truce Resolution adopted in December, 1947 by a tripartite conference of representatives of the Central and the State Governments and of employers and employees, the Government of India addressed State Governments pointing out the desirability of setting up Production Committees in industrial establishments falling within the State sphere. Industrial establishments in the Central sphere were also asked to set up such committees.

A copy of a Model Constitution for a Unit Production Committee, framed by the Central Government and suggested for adoption by industrial establishments, is placed on the

Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 55.] Paras. 2 and 3 of the Model Constitution deal with the object and functions of such Committees.

(c) 82 Production Committees are reported to be functioning in Central sphere establishments.

#### कोयले की चोरी

\*३९८. **पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी:** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पहलेजां घाट स्टेशन (पूर्व उत्तर रेलवे) में १९४८ से कोयले का उपभोग बढ़ रहा है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को इसके बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट मिली है कि प्रतिवर्ष (१९४८ से) लगभग १० से १२ हजार मन कोयला उस स्थान से चोरी कर लिया जाता है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

#### LOCAL POSTCARDS

\*399. { **Shri Gidwani:**  
**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:**  
**Shri Velayudhan:**  
**Shri Wodeyar:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the issue of local postcards is to be discontinued?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** No.

#### TRAINING CENTRES

187. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of extension training centres and agricultural training centres with their location in the State of Bihar?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** There are three extension training centres located at Patna, Muzaffarpur & Ranchi and seven Basic agricultural schools functioning in Bihar State with financial