

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A report containing the important recommendations adopted at the Lucknow Conference is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 44.]

(b) The estimates have yet to be worked out in consultation with the State Governments.

(c) As soon as the various recommendations are examined and the State Governments agree to the salient features of the scheme.

BOMBAY-CALCUTTA MAIL TRAIN

504. Shri K. G. Deshmukh: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that arrangement is being made to pass a Bombay-Calcutta (via Nagpur) mail train to Amravati railway station on the Central Railway?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, how much time will it take to run the said train?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

TRACTORS

505. Shri Madiah Gowda: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tractors possessed by the Central Government;

(b) the number of acres ploughed by these tractors for the year 1951-52;

(c) the average expenditure incurred for ploughing an acre of land; and

(d) the total amount of recurring expenditure for tractor service for the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Central Tractor Organisation has 548 tractors at present. However, only 240 heavy tractors and a few medium tractors are being retained in the Organisation for actual work in connection with the land reclamation scheme, and the rest of the tractors are being disposed of.

(b) In the 1951-52 reclamation year the Organisation ploughed 2,55,534 acres.

(c) Rs. 52 per acre is the average expenditure in the case of work done by the new tractors of the Organisation. For work done by the old machines, the average rate is Rs. 17-8-0 per hour exclusive of fuel lubricants and transport charges.

(d) Rs. 91,12,208.

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES

506. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the existing Government hospitals and dispensaries in the whole of Manipur and medical staff employed in each of them;

(b) the total amount of money set apart for the improvement of the existing hospitals and dispensaries during the current financial year; and

(c) the number of new hospitals and dispensaries to be opened in both of the hills and plains of Manipur during the next financial year?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) There are twenty-three hospitals and dispensaries in Manipur. A statement containing information regarding the medical staff employed in each of these institutions is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 45.]

(b) Rs. 18,000.

(c) Ten new dispensaries will be opened during the next financial year, in addition to ten dispensaries to be opened in the Hill areas during the current financial year.

CIVIL HOSPITAL, IMPHAL

507. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of medical staff in the Civil Hospital of Imphal;

(b) whether it is a fact that classes for training compounders have been opened in Imphal Civil Hospital and if so, whether it has been done so with the necessary sanction of any medical college; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a separate ward and kitchen exclusively for tribal people are being maintained in the said Hospital?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The medical staff in the Civil Hospital, Imphal, at present consists of—

Chief Medical Officer	1
Assistant Surgeons, Grade II	8
Nursing Sister	1
Compounders	6
Nurses	4
Midwives	3
Ward Attendants	4
Laboratory Assistant	1

TOTAL

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