

(b) Yes, for Tumkur but not for Tiptur.

(c) Trunk facilities will be extended to Tumkur during the current financial year. The provision of facilities at Tiptur is under examination.

#### Khadi DRESSES FOR POSTAL AND RAILWAY WORKERS

\*350. **Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to introduce khadi dresses for all the postal as well as Railway workers?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** The question of using khadi for supply of uniforms to all the Posts and Telegraphs staff has been examined and it has been decided as a matter of policy that khadi should be used on as large a scale as possible for uniforms and other miscellaneous purposes.

As regards Railway workers, the question is still under consideration.

#### ANTI-MALARIA CENTRES

\*351. **Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of anti-malaria centres working in India with the help of World Health Organization?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** At present one malaria control demonstration team is operating in Uttar Pradesh under the joint auspices of W.H.O./F.A.O. and the State Government.

#### Janata TRAINS

\*352. **Shri Achuthan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many additional third class carriages were put on the line during the first two quarters of the current financial year to relieve the congestion and how many more carriages do Government expect to put on the lines during the remaining half of this year;

(b) what are the lines on which Janata Expresses are run at present and on what other lines they are going to be extended; and

(c) when the second Janata Express is expected on the Delhi-Madras line?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) 134 Additional Third Class Carriages were put on the line between 1-4-52 and 30-9-52 and another 450 are expected to be put into service during the remaining 6 months of the present financial year.

(b) A list showing the sections on which Janata Express trains run is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 29]

It will be observed that they are provided on most of the important sections. With progressive improvement in availability of coaching stock and power, Railway Administrations will continue to increase the number of such services as demands for them arise.

(c) A bi-weekly Janata Express service between Madras and Delhi, in lieu of the present weekly service, is under investigation but no definite date has yet been fixed for its inauguration.

#### POST OFFICES FOR RAJASTHAN

105. **Shri Karni Singhji:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of Post and Telegraph Offices opened in Rajasthan in the year 1951-52, giving the names of places where they were opened?

(b) How many new Post and Telegraph Offices are proposed to be opened during the current year in rural and urban areas of Rajasthan respectively?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) (i) Post-Offices—216. The names of the post offices are given in the annexed statement "A".

(ii) Departmental Telegraph Offices. ....Nil.

(iii) Combined Post and Telegraph Offices.....9.

The names of the combined Post and Telegraph Offices are given in the annexed Statement 'B'.

(b) (i) Post Offices (Rural 7 Urban Nil)

[For statement 'A' and 'B', See Appendix II, annexure No. 30]

There are only 9 villages in Rajasthan with a population of 2,000 or more that have not yet been provided with post offices. In one case, the route has been declared unsafe and in another case, the loss is beyond the permissible limit. Proposals for opening Post Offices in the remaining 7 villages are under consideration.

- (ii) Telegraph offices (Rural Nil  
Urban Nil)
- (iii) Combined Post and Tele-  
graph offices. (Rural 6  
Urban 2)

NOTE:—So far during the current financial year 8 new rural post offices have already been opened. No Telegraph office or combined Post and Telegraph office has so far been opened during the current financial year.

#### IMPORT OF LOCOMOTIVES, BOILERS, ETC.

106. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locomotives, boilers, coaches, wagons and cranes so far imported into India during the year 1952-53; and

(b) the number of these materials supplied locally by Indian factories during the same period?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The following locomotives, boilers, coaches, wagons and cranes were received from abroad during the current financial year upto 30-9-52:—

Locomotives.	...	81
Boilers.	...	71
Coaches.	...	32
Wagons.	...	3,723
Cranes.	...	—

(b) The number of locomotives, boilers and coaches etc. supplied by Indian factories during the current financial year upto 30-9-52:—

Locomotives.	...	27
Boilers.	...	11
Coaches.	...	68
Wagons.	...	3,071
Cranes.	...	—

#### FOODGRAINS (LICENSING AND PROCUREMENT) ORDER, 1952

107. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names of States where Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order, 1952 has come into force?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The Central Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order, 1952, has been applied so far to the States of Madras, U.P., Bihar, Saurashtra, Madhya Bharat Hyderabad and Travancore and Cochin.

#### LOCUST SWARMS

108. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what parts of India are likely to be visited by locust swarms during this Kharif and coming Rabi seasons?

(b) What steps are being taken to check and to destroy locust swarms?

(c) What is the estimated expenditure on anti-locust operations as apprehended at present?

(d) What other departments of Government are expected to help in this emergency?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) States visited during Kharif are: Rajasthan, Punjab, PEPSU, Ajmer, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bombay. States which may be visited during Rabi are: Bombay, Saurashtra and Kutch.

(b) Staff of the Central Anti-Locust Organisation equipped with the latest machinery, insecticides and vehicles for locust control is located in more than 60 strategic places in the primary desert breeding areas. With the assistance of the Government of U. S. A. under the T.C.A. agreement, arrangements for aerial control of locusts also exist. All States liable to locust attack too have built up their anti-locust organisations for locust control in the cultivated areas. Close co-ordination between the Central and States organisations is maintained to fight the menace effectively.

(c) The estimated expenditure on anti-locust operations during the current year viz. 1952-53 is Rs. 25,17,000.

(d) Ministries of Defence, Communications, Railways, Works, Housing and Supply, States and Border Police are helping in this emergency.

#### JUTE AND MESTA (PRODUCTION)

109. Shri B. K. Das: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the estimate of jute and mesta production during the year 1952?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The All-India estimate of production of jute for 1951-52 was 46.8 lakh bales. Estimates for 1952-53 are not yet available.

For Mesta regular estimates of production are not framed. The ad hoc estimate framed by the Indian Central Jute Committee was 5 lakh bales for 1950-51.