

1953. 15,000 tons *jower* and 18,700 tons rice have been allotted against this request and are being lifted by the State. We are considering the possibility of allotting more rice and millets to them.

CONVERSION OF LAND INTO COTTON AND SUGAR-CANE GROWING LAND

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

(a) how many acres of wheat-growing land in the Punjab were converted into cotton and sugarcane growing land during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952; and

(b) the quantity of additional cotton and sugarcane produced as a result of this conversion?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) No net diversion of area from wheat to cotton and sugarcane has taken place in Punjab during 1949-50 to 1951-52, since area under all these crops has been steadily increasing during these years.

(b) Does not arise.

B. C. G. CENTRES

862. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of B.C.G. centres in the State of the Punjab and the names of places where they are working; and

(b) the number of persons who got themselves treated in these centres during the year 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) B. C. G. vaccination programme is being carried out at present in the following Districts of Punjab:

1. Ambala
2. Amritsar
3. Ferozepore
4. Gurzaon
5. Hissar
6. Jullundur
7. Karnal
8. Ludhiana
9. Rohtak
10. Simla

(b) B. C. G. vaccination is not a treatment but a preventive inoculation. During the year 1952 (up to November, 1952) 1,370,863 persons have been tuberculin tested, of whom 384,446 persons, who were found tuberculin-negative, were vaccinated with B. C. G.

POST OFFICES

863. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices having Savings Bank transactions in the State of the Punjab; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend the Savings Bank facilities in post offices in which it does not exist?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The number of post offices doing Savings Bank work in the State of the Punjab on the 31-3-1952 was:

Head Offices.	... 13
Sub Offices.	... 384
Branch Offices.	... 191

(b) Yes, the question of authorising 24 more post offices to transact Savings Bank business is under consideration.

NEW POST OFFICES

864. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices, telegraph offices, and telephone exchanges opened in the State of the Punjab during 1952;

(b) the number of new post offices, telegraph offices, and telephone exchanges opened in Hoshiarpur and Kangra Districts; and

(c) the number of existing post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges in Hoshiarpur and Kangra Districts?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a)

Post Offices	... 111
Telegraph Offices	... 31
Telephone exchanges	... 5

(b)

Post Offices	... 20
Telegraph offices and telephone exchanges.	Nil.

(c)

Post Offices	... 638
Telegraph Offices	... 48
Telephone Exchanges	... 2