

SOCIAL GUIDES

1314. **Shri-Dhusiya:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the total number of the Social Guides (Yatri-Bandhu) on the N.E. Railway?

(b) What is the date on which they were appointed?

(c) What is the total number of the Scheduled Castes employees in this service?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ADVANCE TO MESSRS. LA BRUGEOISE ET NICAISE AND DELCAVE

1315. **Shri Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to replies to unstarred questions Nos. 1076 to 1078 answered on the 16th April, 1953 and state whether any amount has been paid in advance to Messrs. La Brugeoise et Nicaise and Delcave Belgium for the supply of wagons, underframes and petrol tanks?

(b) If so, what is the total amount in Indian currency?

(c) Do Government propose to lay on the Table a copy of the agreement?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). These orders are actually placed by the Director-General, India Store Department, London, and no advance payments have been made as far as the Railway Ministry are aware.

(c) Copies of such contracts are treated as departmental documents and not generally made public.

CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

1316. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of students admitted every year in the Central Agricultural College, since it was started?

(b) How many of the students belonged to agricultural families?

(c) How many have graduated so far and how have they been absorbed?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) 1947-48	...	86	
1948-49	...	62	
1949-50	...	60	
1950-51	...	No	admissions were made.

1951-52 ... 32

1952-53 ... 40

(b) 1947-48 ... 61

1948-49 .. 33

1949-50 ... 33

1950-51 ... Nil

1951-52 .. 10

1952-53 ... 13

(c) Sixty-eight, in all, have graduated from 1949-52, of whom eleven have been employed in Government service on agricultural work, as Farm Manager, Senior Scientific Assistants, Inspectors etc., two have taken to private farming and three others have obtained employment in lines not connected with agriculture. No information is available about the rest.

CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SERVICE SCHEME

1317. **Shri Telkikar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the reasons for the non-introduction of the Contributory Health Service Scheme for Government employees in Delhi in the year 1952-53?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The Contributory Health Service Scheme which is to be administered directly by the Central Government, was originally framed on the assumption that the facilities available in the Delhi State Hospitals and Institutions could be utilised in connection with the Scheme. This was not found to be feasible owing to the conditions put forward by the State, namely, that the Scheme should be administered by them. The Scheme had to be revised and could not, therefore, be introduced during 1952-53. Steps are being taken to implement the Scheme during the current year as early as possible.

FAMILY PLANNING PROJECT IN RAMANAGARAM

1318. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) when the Family Planning Experiment Project started functioning in Ramanagaram (Mysore State);

(b) the number of experts engaged in this Project;

(c) the number of persons and the extent of the area covered by this experimental operation;