

Centre awards six all-India prizes and a Certificate of 'Krishi Pandit' to the competitors who get the highest yield in each of the six selected crops.

(d) 3713. In 1951-52 none from PEPSU was awarded any all-India prize but 75 persons had won State prizes.

JOURNALS ON AGRICULTURE

389. Shri Chinaria: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many journals are being issued by Government on agriculture and allied subjects with the names and language of each and the places of issue?

(b) How many copies of each issue are issued?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). A detailed statement providing the requisite information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 20]

RAINFALL IN SOUTH INDIA

390. Dr. Rama Rao: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the Meteorological Department has recently undertaken a study of the failure of rainfall in South India?

(b) What were the results of the study?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, with reference to the rainfall in Madras State.

(b) The study shows that the continued failure of rain in some areas of Madras State in the months of October to December during the last five years is not associated with any permanent change in the climate. Such drought conditions are not unprecedented and have occurred in the past, e.g. during the years 1828 to 1835 and 1872-1876. They can only be explained as manifestations of the changeable character of natural weather for which no causes can yet be assigned.

COASTAL AND OVERSEAS SHIPPING TRADE

391. Dr. Lanka Sundaram: (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what is the total amount of cargo and total number of passengers carried by the Coastal Shipping Trade of India and what is the total amount of freight and the total amount of passage money earned on the same during the year 1952?

(b) What is the total quantity of cargo and what is the total number of passengers carried during 1952 by the Overseas Shipping Trade of India and what is the total amount of freight and what is the total amount of passage money earned thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The figures of cargo and passengers carried during 1952 are given below:

Cargo—24.66 lakhs tons approximately.

Passengers—12.28 lakhs approximately.

No information is available about the total amount of freight and passage money earned in the Coastal Trade of India but it is understood that the total amount of freight and passage money earned by Indian ships in the coastal trade including trades with Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma during 1951-52 were of the following order.

Freight Rs. 9.32 crores.

Passage money ... Rs. 0.34 crores.

(b) Figures are available only of the tonnage of ships which entered and cleared at Indian ports and that too for the financial years. The figures relating to 1951-52 are given below:

Entered 9,412,142 N.R.T.

Cleared 7,486,418 N.R.T.

No information is available of the total freight and passage money earned by foreign ships engaged in the overseas trade of India but those earned by Indian shipping companies during 1951-52 are indicated below:

Freight ... Rs. 9.32 crores.

Passage Money ... Rs. 0.34 crores.

INDIAN CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE

392. Dr. Rama Rao: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants have been made by any foreign charitable institution to the Indian Cancer Research Centre; and

(b) if so, how much has been granted, by whom and for what purpose?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). No grants have been made by any foreign charitable institution to the Indian Cancer Research Centre proper. The Rockefeller Foundation have, however, sponsored a Laboratory for the Study of Human Variation at the Indian Cancer