

under improved varieties of seed during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952; and

(b) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to encourage the use of improved varieties of seeds in various States during the last two years?

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

(a) At present the primary reporting agencies responsible for the collection of agricultural statistics in the States are not required to record figures of areas under improved varieties and reliable information on the subject is, therefore, not available. On an *ad hoc* enquiry made in 1952, certain information was collected which is embodied in a statement placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 34.]

Information regarding cotton, however, does exist. The percentage of area under improved varieties to the total area in the country during 1950, 1951 and 1952 was 49, 50 and 54 respectively.

(b) Under the Grow More Food Campaign, financial assistance is given to States, whose responsibility it is to popularise the use of improved seed, for the multiplication and distribution of such seed. The amounts sanctioned by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture in 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 were Rs. 9 lakhs, 133 lakhs and 61 lakhs respectively. Furthermore, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has financed schemes for the multiplication of hybrid bajra and maize seeds, which present special problems.

TICKETLESS TRAVEL ON VIZIANAGARAM-RAIPUR RAILWAY LINE

923. Shri Sanganna: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the receipts and charges of the Vizianagaram-Raipur Railway line (Eastern Railway Zone) during each of the last five years?

(b) Are Government aware that there is a constant ticketless travel on this Railway line?

(c) If so, what precautions have been made to check this?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Earnings of railways are not maintained sectionwise and it is, therefore, not possible to state the receipts of the Vizianagaram-Raipur Section during the last five years. It is not clear what the hon. Member means by the word 'charges'. If he is referring to expenditure incurred in running this section, it may be stated

that the working expenses of the railways are also not maintained sectionwise.

(b) The Government are aware that ticketless travel is prevalent to a certain extent on this section.

(c) The measures taken to check this evil on the Vizianagaram-Raipur Section, in addition to the usual train checks carried out by Travelling Ticket Examiners, include the holding of concentrated checks and raids at important stations and surprise checks by the Headquarters' squads of Ticket Examiners.

RAILWAY COACHES

924. Shri B. N. Roy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of III class coaches fitted with fans in comparison with those without fans on the N. E. Railway during the year 1952-53; and

(b) the percentage of increase in the same proposed on that Railway in the year 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 28 per cent. of the coaches had fans in 1952-53.

(b) The increase planned is 6 per cent. in 1953-54.

TRANSFER OF CLAIMS FROM GORAKHPUR TO CALCUTTA

925. Shri H. S. Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of claims transferred from Gorakhpur to Calcutta after Re-grouping of the N. E. Railway; and

(b) the total number of cases so far decided?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No claims have been transferred from Gorakhpur to Calcutta after regrouping.

(b) Does not arise.

FOODGRAINS EXPORTED FROM PUNJAB

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

(a) the total quantities of rice, wheat, gram and barley exported from the State of Punjab to the deficit States in the years 1951 and 1952; and

(b) the total amount of subsidy granted to the States for subsidized foodgrains during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Net Exports of rice, wheat and