

**TRAINING CENTRE IN HYDERABAD FOR CULTIVATION OF RICE BY JAPANESE METHOD**

929. { Shri H. G. Vaishnav;  
Shri Telkikar:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training centre has been opened in Hyderabad State for giving training to the Rice Cultivators to plant rice according to the Japanese method; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the names of the places where such centres are opened and also the facilities given to the cultivators in this respect?

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

(b) One demonstration centre was arranged at Nanalnagar during the Congress Session. A similar centre has been started at Himayatsagar. During the ensuing Kharif season training centres will also be started in all the eight paddy growing districts of the State at the district and taluqa levels. The farmers will have facilities for undergoing training in the various cultural operations involved in the method.

**CALCUTTA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE**

930. **Shri N. Sreekantam Nair:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the final estimate of the Calcutta Telephone Automatisation Project;

(b) the amount spent up to the 31st March, 1953; and

(c) the number of Gazetted and non-Gazetted officers now employed in that establishment?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Rs. 14.5 crores approximately.

(b) Rs. 563.54 lakhs approximately.

(c) Gazetted .. 33  
Non-Gazetted ... 353

**PRESS FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT**

931. **Shri N. Sreekantam Nair:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether Government have decided to set up a separate press for the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

(b) What are the annual volume of, and expenses incurred on printing for the Posts and Telegraphs Department?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No. The question is still under consideration.

(b) About 5,500 tons of paper is used annually by the Department and cost of printing (including paper) is about Rs. 94 lakhs.

**विद्युत् केन्द्र**

९३२. श्री एन. प्रभाकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारतीय रेलवेज के स्वामित्व में कितने विद्युत् केन्द्र हैं और उनके द्वारा कितनी विद्युत् का उत्पादन होता है।

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Indian Railways own altogether 133 Power Stations which generate about 354.4 million units (K. W. Hr.) annually.

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN RAJASTHAN**

933. **Shri Bheekha Bhal:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total mileage of roads that will come under National Highways in Rajasthan at the end of the Five Year Plan; and

(b) the mileage of roads to be completed at the end of 1953 and to be constructed in 1954?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The total mileage of roads in Rajasthan included in the National Highways system is 390, of which 25 miles are not yet built. There will be no change in the total mileage at the end of the Five Year Plan.

(b) It is presumed that the Member is referring only to the construction of missing links and not to other original works. About three miles are expected to be completed by the end of 1953-54 and about eight more miles are expected to be constructed in 1954-55.

**BARTER AGREEMENTS**

934. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many barter agreements India entered into during the last two years on account of her requirements of foodgrains; and