

(b) Rs. 11,000 (approximately).

(c) Yes; wherever possible.

#### AIRLINES (PASSENGERS)

**997. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of passengers carried by India's internal and international airlines in the year 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): 410,196 and 24,284 passengers were carried on India's domestic and international airlines respectively.

#### ALL INDIA T.B. CONFERENCE

**998. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what are the conclusions and recommendations of the All India T. B. Conference held at Mysore from the 2nd February, 1953?

(b) What are their proposals regarding the B.C.G. vaccination Scheme and the new drug for the treatment of T.B.?

(c) Are any of the Indian firms or pharmacies able to produce the new drug of the standard required?

(d) If so, which are such firms or pharmacies, and what quantity can they produce annually?

(e) Have steps been taken to produce the drug at Government level?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 49.]

(c) and (d). So far as Government are aware the following firms have schemes for the production of Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide and the approximate quantities which they are likely to produce annually are as follows:

(i) Messrs. Sarabhai Chemicals, Baroda. ... 3,000 lbs.

(ii) Messrs. Albert David Limited, Calcutta. ... 3,300 lbs.

(iii) Messrs. Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Limited, Calcutta. ... 1,500 lbs.

(e) Government have no proposal for the manufacture of this drug.

#### FERTILISERS (PRODUCTION)

**999. Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers produced in the country during the year 1952 and the value thereof;

(b) the total quantity of fertilizers imported during the year 1952 and the total cost on that account;

(c) the allotments made to different State Governments during the year 1952; and

(d) the opening stock for the year 1953?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) At present only two chemical fertilizers are produced in the country, viz. Superphosphate and Ammonium Sulphate. 2,66,932 tons of these fertilizers valued at Rs. 8.71 crores, were produced in the country during the calendar year 1952.

(b) 2,34,952 tons costing Rs. 9.04 crores.

(c) A statement showing the allocations of sulphate of ammonia and superphosphate made to State Governments and other interests during 1952 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 50.]

(d) The opening stock of sulphate of ammonia with the Central Government as on 1-1-53 was of the order of 13,000 tons. The stock with the State Governments was 1,30,000 tons. Since superphosphate is no longer distributed through Government, the opening stock of this fertiliser is not known.

#### TAMPERING WITH RAILWAY LINES

**1000. Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) in how many places fish-plates were removed on the Southern Railway in the years 1951-52;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have announced that a reward of Rupees 250 would be given to informers about the culprits; and

(c) if so, how many cases were booked?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The information is being collected and will be furnished as soon as it is available.

#### DEAD LETTER OFFICE

**1001. { Shri Bahadur Singh:  
Sardar Hukam Singh:**

(a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what was the number of parcels received in the Dead Letter Office as unclaimed due to the addresses of the senders and addressees having become faint and illegible during the year 1952?