

(4) Within the country these parcels will be sent by surface route only. Air Parcels for U. S. A., France, Switzerland, U.K. and Egypt will be forwarded by air from Bombay only and those for Australia from Calcutta.

New Delhi;

The 19th December, 1952.

INDIAN RAILWAYS CENTENARY
EXHIBITION

127. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the venue and dates on which, the Indian Railways Centenary Exhibition is to be held;

(b) what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred by Government in this connection;

(c) what are the other features of the Centenary in addition to the Exhibition;

(d) whether any foreign country is also participating in the Exhibition; and

(e) if so, which country.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Exhibition is being held in New Delhi on a site off the Delhi-Mathura Road, near the Purana Qila. The Exhibition is scheduled to be open from March 7 to April 17, 1953.

(b) Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 15 lakhs in connection with the Exhibition.

(c) In addition to the Exhibition that is being organised in New Delhi, it is proposed to run Exhibition Trains, one on the broad and the other on the metre gauge railways. On the centenary date, viz., April 16, there will be local celebrations at the headquarters of the Central Railway, on which the first train in India was operated.

(d) and (e). The foreign countries officially participating are the U.S.A., Austria and Yugoslavia, but manufacturers of railway equipment from the U.K., West Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Denmark and Japan are arranging display at the Exhibition.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

128. Shri Barman: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total area reclaimed by the Central Tractor Organisation till the end of 1951 and end of 1952;

(b) the reclaimed area under actual cultivation;

(c) the yield from the reclaimed area in 1951 and 1952; and

(d) the area under cultivators' plough and the area of mechanical cultivation undertaken by State Governments?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The total acreages reclaimed till the end of 1951 and during 1952 are 4,65,336 and 2,55,534 respectively.

(b) Almost the entire area reclaimed is under actual cultivation according to available information. Exact figures have not so far been received from the State Governments concerned.

(c) The information has been called for from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

(d) No part of the reclaimed area in Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat and Bhopal has so far been taken up by the State Governments for mechanical cultivation. Information regarding Uttar Pradesh and Punjab is awaited from the State Governments.

DELHI TRANSPORT SERVICE EMPLOYEES

129. Shri Nambiar: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees of the Delhi Transport Service in each category of service, and how many are permanent and how many temporary;

(b) the wage scale, dearness allowance and conditions of service of these employees;

(c) the number of employees who have been provided with quarters or house rent; and

(d) the medical and educational facilities provided for them and their families, if any?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the categories and the number of monthly rated and daily rated staff under the Delhi Transport Service as on 31st January 1953. [Placed in Library, See No. S-5/53.] The question of reviewing the permanent requirements of monthly rated staff is under the consideration of the Delhi Road Transport Authority.

(b) Three Statements giving the information asked for are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library see No. S5/53]