

(c) What quantities have been received by certain States from other States?

(d) What are the quantities of food-grains to be imported during the current year?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 61.]

(b) and (c). 5·6 lakh tons from 1-1-1953 upto end of March 1953. Out of which 1·2 lakh tons were from internal sources.

(d) Present estimate is about 25 lakh tons.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS OFFICE AT PALASBAR

1146. Shri Ajmad Ali: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Posts and Telegraphs office at Palasbari (Assam) is housed in a hired building;

(b) whether the said Posts and Telegraphs office is in a hired house for the last 20 years or so;

(c) whether the houses of the officers including Post Master's quarter need repairs; and

(d) whether Government contemplate to erect a permanent building for the purpose at an early date?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is only one quarter which is intended for the Sub-Postmaster. It needs repairs.

(d) There is a proposal to construct a departmental building for the Post and Telegraph Office at Palasbari but it is in initial stages.

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN PATNA

1147. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications pending for the installation of telephone connections in Patna; and

(b) at what stage is the proposal for opening of public telephone call offices in the Sub-divisional Headquarters where they do not now exist and of telegraph offices in the Thana Headquarters?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 189.

(b) (i) The work for opening Public Call Offices at Bhahua and Latehar is in progress, and that for opening a Public Call Office at Aurangabad (Gaya Distt.) will be started when the stores are received. Proposals relating to 14 other Sub-divisional Headquarters are under examination.

(ii) 250 out of 460 Thana Headquarters in Bihar do not possess Telegraph facilities at present. Proposals for opening telegraph offices at these places are under examination.

PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUTS

1148. Shri Muniswamy: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state which part of the country is producing the best quality of groundnuts and what facilities are afforded to encourage the increase of production of best varieties by the growers?

(b) Do Government encourage the oil seed growers to apply scientific methods and if so, how?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The best quality groundnuts for industrial purposes viz. those having the highest oil content are grown in South India. The best seed for edible purposes is grown in Madhya Pradesh.

Agricultural production falls within the sphere of responsibility of the State Governments. The Indian Central Oilseeds Committee is, however, giving financial assistance to the State Governments for multiplying improved varieties of seeds and distributing them to the cultivators.

(b) Yes, by financing research schemes in the States for finding out the best cultural practices under local conditions under the auspices of the I.C.O.C. and evolving efficient and economic methods of controlling pests and diseases of oilseed crops. Results of these researches are brought to the notice of the cultivators by the State Departments of Agriculture through leaflets etc

गन्ने की कृषि

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कर :

(क) सरकारी फाम, पना (देहली)
तथा सरकारी फाँ, पूसा (बिहार), में

गन्ने की कृषि पर प्रति सौ मन परिव्यय,
पूषक पूषक ;

(ख) उत्तरी बिहार के चीनी मिल
मालिकों के कामों में गन्ने की कृषि पर
प्रति सौ मन परिव्यय, पूषक पूषक ;
तथा

(ग) उत्तरी बिहार के उत्पादक द्वारा
गन्ने की कृषि पर प्रति सौ मन होने वाला
अनुमानित परिव्यय ?

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

(a) At Govt. Farm Pusa (Delhi).
Rs. 122/- per hundred maunds.

At Govt. Farm Pusa (Bihar). Rs.
93/2/- per hundred maunds.

(b) Varies from Rs. 85/- to Rs. 102/-
per hundred maunds.

(c) Varies from Rs. 105/- to Rs.
125/- per hundred maunds.

**DEBARRING OF TEACHERS FOR EMPLOYMENT
AS EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL POSTMASTERS**

1150. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the
Minister of Communications be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Midna-
pore District Board (West Bengal) has
issued an order directing the teachers
of schools under their control, who are
serving as Extra Departmental Branch
Postmasters to sever connection with
the Postal Department if they want to
continue in the service of the District
Board;

(b) whether it is a fact that the
working hours of these Extra Depart-

mental officers have been so arranged
as not to interfere with the discharge
of duties by these incumbents as
school-masters; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the
schemes for expansion of facilities in
rural areas will be impeded if these
and other school masters are debarred
from employment as Extra Depart-
mental Branch Postmasters?

**The Deputy Minister of Communi-
cations (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.
The State Government concerned
have, however, recently issued instruc-
tions for liberal consideration of ap-
plications from primary school
teachers for working as Extra Depart-
mental Agents.

(b) Yes.

(c) Such restrictive orders may
impede the progress of opening up of
extra departmental post offices to
some extent.

LATE DELIVERY OF LETTERS AT UTTARPARA

1151. **Pandit Lingaraj Misra:** (a)
Will the Minister of Communications
be pleased to state whether it is a fact
that letters posted at Delhi in the even-
ing reach Calcutta the same night but
are delivered at Uttarpara on the third
or sometimes on the fourth day?

(b) If so, what are the causes of the
delay?

(c) What steps do Government pro-
pose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Communi-
cations (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No.
Sir, paid unregistered letters posted at
Delhi in the evening reach Calcutta
the next morning and are delivered
from Uttarpara the same day, unless
a Sunday intervenes when they are
delivered on Monday morning, there
being no delivery on Sundays.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.