

RAILWAY PRESSES

171. **Fandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of presses owned by railways; and

(b) the places where they are located?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 15.

(b) These are located as under:—

Railway	Location
Central	Byulla, Bombay-8 Secunderabad.
North Eastern	Gorakhpur, Kurseong.
Western	Ajmer, Bombay.
Northern	Shakurbasti, Jodhpur, Lucknow.
Southern	2 at Madras, 2 at Trichinopoly, 1 at Mysore.
Eastern	Calcutta.

SOIL CONSERVATION

172. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the places where soil conservation research centres have been established under the aegis of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun?

(b) What are the State Governments that have set up organisations for the implementation of Soil Conservation Schemes?

(c) Have the Central Government accepted the principle of soil conservation programmes, being financed in the first instance on the basis of 50:50?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A centre has been set up at Sahibnagar near Hyderabad and another is being set up near Dehra Dun. In addition, a Desert Afforestation Research Station has been set up at Jodhpur.

(b) Governments of Bombay, Madras, Punjab, Vindhya Pradesh, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Bhopal have either set up or are in the process of setting up such organisations.

(c) Yes.

IRRIGATION WORKS IN ANDHRA

173. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the irrigation works that have been taken up or are proposed to be taken up under the "Grow More Food" Scheme in the Andhra State in the year 1953-54?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The grants and loans sanctioned for the composite State of Madras during 1953-54 have been split up and distributed between the States of Madras and Andhra on the formation of the latter State. Details about the amounts falling to the share of the Andhra State from the date of its formation, and the list of irrigation works that have been taken up or are proposed to be taken up in the Andhra State are awaited from the State Governments and will be placed on the table of the house in due course.

LEAVE RULES FOR POSTAL STAFF

174. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the All-India Postmen and Lower Grade Staff Union at its Nagpur Conference demanded the liberalisation of leave rules for class IV staff?

(b) If so, have Government considered the matter?

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

(b) The proposal is under consideration.

POSTAL INSPECTORS' EXAMINATION

175. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 528 asked on the 3rd September, 1953 and state:

(a) the number of candidates who appeared in the written examination for Inspectors of Post Offices and Head Clerks to Superintendent of Post Offices held in 1952 in the Madras Circle;