

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The list of Post and Telegraph offices opened in Kumbha Mela with dates of their opening and closing is given below:—

Names of P. & T. Offices	Date of opening	Late of closing
1. Jamuna Patti	1 12 53	3 3 54
2. Central Post Office	28 12 53	26 2 54
3. Arail	31 12 53	20 2 54
4. South Jhusi	31 12 53	20 2 54
5. North Parade	4 1 54	23 2 54
6. Sadhu Bela	5 1 54	16 2 54
7. North Jhusi	7 1 54	17 2 54
8. V. I. P. (South Jhusi)	11 1 54	20 2 54
9. Exhibition	25 1 54	20 2 54

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 64.]

(c)—

Class of article.	Number of articles	
	Received	Despatched
1. Unregistered articles	3,15,000	3,18,942
2. Registered letters	3,769	2,465
3. V. P. letter	130	26
4. Insured letters	200	17
5. Registered parcels	809	247
6. V. P. Parcels	207	1
7. Insured parcels	304	5
8. Money orders	3,996	4,248

(d) Number of articles that remained undelivered due to addressees being untraced:—

Ordinary letters	500 approximately.
Registered letters	50
Insured letters	1
Parcels	3
Telegrams	235
Money orders	89

(e) Number of telegrams received for delivery 25,100
Number of telegrams transmitted. 11,887

ALL INDIA CROP COMPETITION SCHEME

249. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All-India Crop Competitions held during 1951, 1952

and 1953 for the selection of Krishi Pandits in different products; and

(b) the maximum amount of prize given and the form in which this was given?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The following All-India competitions were held:—

Years	No. of Competitions
(i) 1950-51	—Three—One each in paddy, wheat and potato crops.
(ii) 1951-52	—Six—One each in paddy, wheat, potato, gram, jowar and bajra crops.
(iii) 1952-53	—Three—One each in wheat, potato and gram crops.

(b) The following prizes were awarded by the Government of India:—

Year	Amount of prize	Form
1950-51	Rs. 1,000/ for each crop	(Cash)
1951-52	Rs. 5,000/ for each crop	(Cash)
1952-53	Rs. 5,000/ for each crop	(Cash)

(awards yet to made)

Bidi FACTORIES

250. Shri Nanadas: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the number of workers employed in the Bidi factories in 1953, State-wise?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): No information is available about the number of workers employed in unlicensed bidi factories. A statement showing the available information for the 1st half of 1953 in respect of bidi workers covered by the Factories Act, 1948 is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 65.]

जहाजों पर माल चढ़ाने उतारने वाली कम्पनियाँ

२५१. श्री बाबुमारे: क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बम्बई, कलकत्ता और मद्रास की बन्दरगाहों पर जहाजों पर माल चढ़ाने उतारने वाली कम्पनियों की अलग अलग संख्या कितनी है ; और

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(ख) इन कम्पनियों को माल चढ़ाने उतारने के लिये उपरोक्त बन्दरगाहों पर बलग बलग प्रति टन क्या दिया जाता है और प्रति बहाज उन्हें कम से कम क्या मिलता है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a)
Calcutta—35.
Bombay—18.
Madras—13.

(b) Government have no information. The charges are regulated by private contracts between the Stevedoring Companies and Shipowners.