

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

The total number of Railway employees who originally opted for grainshop facilities in January 1949 was 4,82,387. The number in January 1951 was 2,42,190.

(b) The number is 1,43,517 as on 1st August, 1954.

(c) The reasons are:—

- (i) staff becoming ineligible for the grainshop concession on account of their pay rising to Rs. 250/- and above;
- (ii) normal wastage caused by retirement, etc.;
- (iii) employees opting out in favour of cash dearness allowance consequent on the fall in the market price of grains reducing the monetary value of the grainshop concessions, and;
- (iv) closure of some grainshops due to fall in the number of customers.

(d) As the difference depends on the size of the employee's family, the pay drawn by him and the area in which he resides, it varies for each individual employee. During June 1954, the difference varied approximately between a loss of about Rs. 4/- and a gain of Rs. 15/- per month to staff of various pay groups with a family of five working in the different areas.

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श्री एच० एस० प्रसाद :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) गत आठ वर्षों में प्रति वर्ष बाढ़ द्वारा लगभग कितनी कीमत की फसल नष्ट हुई ;

(ख) इस प्रकार कितने एकड़ जमीन पर प्रभाव पड़ा, तथा

(ग) इस प्रकार की भीषण बाढ़ को रोकने के लिये कार्यवाही करने में लगभग कितना खर्च पड़ेगा ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) and (b). It is felt that the labour involved in collecting the information will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

(c) Attention is invited to the Statement made by Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, Minister for Planning and Irrigation and Power in Lok Sabha on the 3rd September, 1954 regarding floods.

RAIL-LINK FROM BHADRACHELLAM ROAD TO COLLIERIES

**375. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the construction of extension of railway line from Bhadrachellam Road to collieries siding; and

(b) the amount that has been spent up to the end of July, 1954 out of the sum of Rupees one lakh provided for in 1954-55 budget?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The work on the extension to the colliery siding at Bhadrachellam has not yet commenced as the applicants has as yet neither given their acceptance to their share of the estimated cost nor deposited this sum with the Railway Administration.

(b) Does not arise.

RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSION

**376. Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of allowance and pay, paid to the Chairman and Members of the Railway Service Commission, Allahabad; and

(b) the residential and other facilities, if any, provided to them?