

Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab and Tripura, which is still awaited from the respective States and it will be furnished after it is received from them.

D.T.S. PASSES TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES

602. **Shri Krishna Chandra:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of all-route free passes for the representatives of the Press has been introduced by the Delhi Road Transport Authority; and

(b) if so, the number of passes so far issued and to whom they have been issued?

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

(b) Twenty-five. A statement showing the names of persons in whose favour these passes have been issued and the Newspapers or News-Agencies whom they represent is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 15].

डाक जीवन बीमा योजना

६०३. श्री भागवत झा आचार्य : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिसम्बर, १९५३ तक डाक जीवन बीमा योजना के अन्तर्गत पालिसी लेने वालों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) इन पालिसियों की कुल राशि कितनी है; और

(ग) १९५४ की पहली छमाही में उनकी संख्या में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 1,05,563.

(b) Rs. 24,31,89,988

(c) 5.7 per cent.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SCHEMES

604. **Shri V. Missir:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research schemes sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in collaboration with the State Governments during the year 1954-55; and

(b) the subjects on which the research is to be done?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) 176

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 16].

ROADS

605. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total mileage of roads that have been constructed so far under the first Five Year Plan;

(b) the total amount of money spent on the construction of these roads;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress made so far in the road construction is far behind the schedule; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the slow progress?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The construction of States roads for which provision has been made in the States Sector of the first Five-Year Plan is primarily the concern of the State Governments. Under the programmes of road development provided for in the Central Sector of the Plan, so far 619 miles of new roads have been constructed.

(b) The total amount spent from 1951-52 to 1953-54 on the construction of new roads under the Central Sector of the Plan is Rs. 5.14 crores.

(c) and (d). The progress is generally satisfactory.