

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Tourist Publicity material is generally produced in India and distributed both in India and abroad. Separate figures of expenditure are not at present maintained. The total expenditure during 1953-54 was Rs. 2,54,800/-.

BRIDGES IN ASSAM

639. Shri K. P. Tripathi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the new bridge on the river near Misamari Station in Assam has been completed; and

(b) if so, what is proposed to be done with the old bridge?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 98 per cent. work of construction of the new bridge has been completed.

(b) The old bridge is proposed to be dismantled as neither the Defence Department nor the Government of Assam are interested in the purchase of the old bridge for using it as a road bridge.

DRESS OF INDIAN AIRLINES HOSTESSES

**640. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uniforms of hostesses of the Indian Air Lines are proposed to be standardized; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

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

(b) The matter is being examined. No proposals have yet been formulated.

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६४१. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली ट्रांसपोर्ट सर्विस की बसों के किराये में कमी की जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कमी कब से होगी ?

LOUSHIPAT AREA

642. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of land brought under cultivation in the Loushipat area (Manipur) during 1952-53 and 1953-54;

(b) the amount contributed by Government; and

(c) the revenue to be collected annually by Government from the reclaimed land?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). The required information is not available and has been called for from the State Government. It will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as received.

प्लेटफार्मों पर छत डालना

६४३. श्री जी० एल० चौधरी : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५३-५४ में उत्तर-पूर्व रेलवे के जिन प्लेटफार्मों पर छत डालने के कार्य के लिये मंजूरी दी गई थी उसमें क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) १९५२-५३ में जिन स्टेशनों के प्लेटफार्मों की छतें बनाने के लिये स्वीकृति

दी गई थी उनमें से कितने स्टेशनों पर यह कार्य पूरा हो चुका है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) At two stations work has been completed. At three stations about 75 per cent. has been completed. At five stations work has recently been taken in hand. At four stations materials are being collected. At one station work will be started after certain track alterations are done.

(b) Ten.

OVERSEER COURSE

644. Shri Ram Saran: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Technical Training Scheme of the Ministry any training is given for the 'Overseer Course';

(b) if so, the places where such training is being given at present; and

(c) whether the diploma given is recognised by the Central and the State Governments?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) and (b). Training in the Overseer Course which was being given till recently at the Training Centres/Institutes at Calcutta, Koni-Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh) and Benaras, has been abolished with effect from the current session which started in August, 1954. The question of reviving this course is under consideration.

(c) The Diploma awarded by this Ministry for this trade has so far been recognised by the Governments of Assam, Delhi, Bihar, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh. The Government of Madhya Pradesh recognised it for the Sub-Overseer cadre of their service. The question of recognition of this Diploma for posts under the Central Government is still under consideration.

NATIONAL MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAMM

645. Shri C. R. Chowdary: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the amount of aid given to the Government of Andhra in 1953 and upto the end of August, 1954 under the National Malaria Control Scheme?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The amount of aid given by the Government of India to Andhra State under the National Malaria Control scheme in 1953 and upto the end of August, 1954, is as follows:—

	Material	Estimated cost.
		Rs.
D.D.T.	2,82,135 lbs.	4,64,976
Microscopes .	2	3,670
Jeeps .	2	16,010
Antarox .	372 lbs.	760
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Resochin tablets .	96,666 nos.	

ACCIDENT IN ALUMINIUM FACTORY, ASANSOL

646. Shri K. K. Basu: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accident occurred in J. K. Aluminium Factory at Asansol in May 1954;

{(b) if so, what was the cause thereof;

(c) the number of persons who sustained injuries;

(d) whether any enquiry committee has been appointed; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against the persons responsible for this accident?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) Yes.

(b) While removing the discharge valve at the bottom of an autoclave which has been emptied and thrown out of commission for three days, caustic soda solution which might have been left in the autoclave splashed on the workers engaged in removing the valve.