

(c) whether it is proposed to send some more technicians also in the future; and

(d) the expenditure that will be incurred by Government on the training of these technicians?

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

(b) 58.

(c) No.

(d) Approximate expenditure on technicians now under training will be Rs. 82,000.

TOURIST STATISTICS

30. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total income derived from the foreign tourists traffic during the year 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): An estimate of the total income derived from foreign tourist traffic for 1953 is not available as yet.

गन्ना

३१. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री १० मई, १९५४ को पूछे गए अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ५०७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५२-५३ की तुलना में १९५३-५४ में गन्ना पेरने की अवधि कम किए जाने के क्या कारण थे ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The decrease in crushing period during 1953-54 season as compared to that during 1952-53, was due to the decline in the availability of sugarcane caused by a fall both in the area and production of sugarcane. The fall in acreage was due mainly to the low prices of gur at the sowing time. The fall in production of cane was also due, apart from reduction in area, to scarcity of rain and inadequate supply of water at the irrigation sources in certain areas. The crop in East U.P. and North Bihar was considerably damaged by floods.

LOCOMOTIVES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

32. { Pandit Munishwar Datt
Upadhyay:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of locomotives for which orders have been placed with the different countries but which have not been received so far;

(b) the number of locomotives, their sizes, the names of the countries from where they have been ordered;

(c) when they are expected to be delivered in India;

(d) how many such locomotives are to be manufactured in India itself; and

(e) what is the cost per locomotive of those imported and of those manufactured in India?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (e). A statement giving the required information is attached herewith. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 26.]

POSTAL LIFE INSURANCE

33. Shri Bahadur Singh: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of business completed under the Postal Life Insurance Scheme during 1953-54; and

(b) the amount of premia collected during 1952-53 and 1953-54 and the commission paid to the agents?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). During the year 1953-54, 13,559 new policies of the value of Rs. 3,26,66,200 were issued.

The amount of premia realised was Rs. 92,55,180 for 1952-53 and Rs. 99,63,115 for 1953-54. No agents are employed on Postal Life Insurance work.