

(b) The total amount spent on the three gliders built at the Technical Centre of the Civil Aviation Department during 1953-54 came to Rs. 26,880 approximately. No information is available in regard to the amount spent by the Madras Institute of Technology on the glider built by it.

**SUGAR FACTORIES IN PUNJAB AND PEPSU**

**755. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications that are pending consideration before Government in regard to the opening of sugar factories in the Punjab and PEPSU;

(b) the names of the places where sugar factories are permitted to be opened at present;

(c) the names of the persons who have been given permission to open their factories; and

(d) whether the Government of India have promised or paid any money to help these factories?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Two.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 46.]

(d) No.

**IMPORT OF TRACTORS**

**756. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tractors which have been imported so far during the year 1954; and

(b) the names of the countries from which they have been imported?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b). 1,821 tractors have been imported from

January 1954, to September 1954 as per details given below:—

Country of origin.	No.
United Kingdom.	1,330
United States of America.	185
West Germany.	148
Italy.	16
Canada.	43
Austria.	30
Czechoslovakia.	65
Russia.	4
Total	1,821

**LANDLESS LABOURERS**

**757. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the extent of the land so far distributed to landless agricultural workers?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** None by the Central Government.

**SAFETY DEVICES FOR AIRCRAFTS**

**758. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air Ports in India which have been provided with additional safety devices for assisting the aircrafts to approach and land safely; and

(b) the estimated expenditure on the installation of these devices?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) It is not clear what the hon. Member is referring to by "additional safety devices". The number of aerodromes in this country which have been provided with one or more safety devices, visual as well as radio, is 67.

(b) Rs. 75.00 lakhs.

**AIRPORTS**

**759. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the names of new airports in India that are being constructed or developed at present?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** I lay a statement on the Table giving the requisite information. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 47].

#### RAILWAY COMMITTEES

730. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings held by (i) the National Railway Users' Consultative Council, (ii) the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees, and (iii) the Railway Users' Consultative Committees during 1954; and

(b) the main questions considered by these Committees during the same period?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The number of meetings held in 1954, by—

(i) National Railway Users' Consultative Council is one;

(ii) the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees, is

Northern Railway.	..	2
North-Eastern Railway.	..	3
Central Railway.	...	2
Western Railway.	..	3
Southern Railway.	..	3
Eastern Railway.	..	4

(iii) the Regional Railway Users' Consultative Committees, is

<b>Northern Railway:</b>		
Delhi Committee		2
U.P. Committee		3
Rajasthan Committee		2

<b>North-Eastern Railway:</b>		
Muzaffarpur Committee		3
Lucknow Committee		3
Pandu Committee		2

<b>Central Railway:</b>		
Bombay Committee		3
Jhansi Committee		3
Secunderabad Committee		3

#### Western Railway:

Bombay Committee	4
Ajmer Committee.	4
Gondal Committee	4

#### Southern Railway:

Trichinopoly Committee	4
Mysore Committee	4
Madras Committee	4

#### Eastern Railway:

Calcutta Committee	4
Nagpur Committee	4
Patna Committee	4

(b) The main questions considered at the above meetings are given in the attached Statement. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 48].

#### AIR EMPLOYEES

761. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engineers, pilots, radio officers and the staff working in the controlling towers of Aerodromes who were suspended as a result of the air crashes during the years 1950 to 1954; and

(b) whether the licences of these engineers, pilots and radio officers have been restored?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) The licences of 3 engineers and 23 pilots were suspended, the licence of one Engineer was cancelled.

(b) Except in one case, the licences were suspended for specified periods and were therefore automatically restored after the expiry of that period. In the one case referred to, the licence of an engineer has been suspended pending investigation of the cause of a certain accident.

#### POST OFFICE BUILDING AT HYDERABAD

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

(a) the reasons for not taking up the construction of a Head Post Office building at Hyderabad so far though