

life of such temporary barracks is taken as three to five years.

(b) Yes.

(c) One of the barracks reported to be in a more dangerous condition has been vacated and alternative accommodation allotted to the officials resident in it. In consultation with the C.P.W.D. the other barracks declared dangerous will be vacated in turn and repairs carried out progressively. The proposal for construction of quarters for these residents has since been approved.

(d) About 2½ to 3 years; approximately Rs. 18.0 lakhs.

P. AND T. BUILDINGS

1110. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the value of construction work taken in hand and completed for the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the years from 1947 to 1954 (year by year);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Communications Ministry has come to a decision as to the specifications of Post and Telegraph buildings;

(c) if so, the number of buildings constructed according to these specifications up-to-date by the Central Public Works Department; and

(d) how many such buildings are going to be constructed in 1955-56?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The required information in the matter is appended below:

Year	Expenditure
1947-48	Rs. 54,77,000
1948-49	Rs. 81,49,112
1949-50	Rs. 91,08,081
1950-51	Rs. 97,86,005
1951-52	Rs. 1,00,59,736
1952-53	Rs. 1,22,40,542
1953-54	Rs. 1,08,72,841
1954-55	Rs. 1,08,73,141

(b) Type designs for small Post Offices have been evolved. The constructional specifications are prepared by the C.P.W.D. according to the requirements of each place.

(c) 21 upto 1954.

(d) 127 have been provided for.

ANTI-MALARIA DRUG

1111. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 672 on the 2nd December, 1954 and state:

(a) the result of the enquiries made in regard to the drug which is said to be ten times more efficacious than quinine for the treatment of malaria;

(b) whether this drug is being manufactured on a commercial basis; and

(c) whether it has been obtained for experimental purposes?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) to (c). Enquiries made through the Embassy of India in Moscow indicate that the preparation is at present undergoing clinical approval in practical conditions in areas where Malaria is prevalent. No other information is available.

खरीफ की फसल

१९९२. { डा० राम सुभग सिंह :
श्री बी० एन० राय :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५४-५५ में जितने एकड़ भूमि में खरीफ की फसल काश्त की गई, वह १९५३-५४ की अपेक्षा कम थी,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त कालाबाध में कितने एकड़ भूमि में खरीफ की फसलों की काश्त की गई, और

(ग) उक्त कालाबाध में खरीफ की कितनी फसल हुई ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) :
(क) जी हाँ।

(ख) तथा (ग). एक विवरण शामिल किया जाता है जिस में अब तक मिली हुई जानकारी दर्ज की गई है [वृत्तिका परिशिष्ट १२, अनुबन्ध संख्या १९].

INDIAN SHIPPING

1113. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the average quantity of coal lifted by an Indian Coaster from Calcutta to Madras per trip;

(b) whether such Coasters get return Cargo from Madras or some other ports; and

(c) the average income earned by such Coasters per trip?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) About 6500 tons.

(b) Availability of return cargo for such Coasters from Madras or some other ports has been generally poor.

(c) The average gross income earned by such Coasters is estimated to be about Rs. 1,75,500/- per trip.

ROLLING STOCK

1114. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 2060 on the 7th April 1955 and state:

(a) the names of the countries from which the 407 Coaches have been imported and the names of the Railways using them; and

(b) how these coaches compare in cost and comforts to Indian-made coaches?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Belgium, United Kingdom, Switzerland and Japan. They have been allotted to Central, Eastern and Southern Railways.

(b) The imported coaches cost a little more than the corresponding

Indian-made coaches while the comforts in the imported ones are generally the same as those provided in the Standard indigenous coaches.

AIR SERVICE IN NORTH BIHAR

1115. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to put any town of North Bihar on the North Bihar regular air line service?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to air link any new town of North Bihar, in addition to Patna and Muzaffarpur which are airlinked by the Calcutta/Kathmandu and Calcutta/Delhi stopping services.

ARECANUT PRODUCTION

1116. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of arecanut produced annually, State-wise; and

(b) the average number of persons employed in the industry, State-wise?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 58].

(b) No reliable statistics are available on this subject.

NEW RAILWAY LINE

1117. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for the opening of a new Railway line either from Kolaghat, Machada, Bhogpur or Panchkura to Contai on Eastern Railway via Tamluk Town during the Second Five Year Plan has been made; and

(b) if so, by whom?