

in India on 29-1-55. He has since visited Bhopal, Nagpur, U.P. and Jammu with a view to hold discussions with the local authorities there on matters relating to the Tractor Testing Station. He did not visit these places for study of Agronomy of India.

Mr. Wright has made certain proposals regarding Tractor Testing Station and procurement of equipment therefor which are under examination of the Government. It has been tentatively decided, on his recommendation, to locate the Station at Central Tractor Organisation, New Pusa, New Delhi. Mr. Wright's present assignment is up to the end of April 1955.

#### MORTALITY STATISTICS

1136. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the answer given to unstarred question No. 317 on 26th February, 1953 and lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the number of deaths in the Indian Union from (i) Malaria (ii) Tuberculosis (iii) Cholera and (iv) Small-pox during the years from 1951 to 1954?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** Owing to lack of facilities in India for the collection of vital and health statistics, complete information on the subject is not available. A statement compiled from the information received by the Government of India from the State Governments is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 60]

#### SOIL FERTILITY

1137. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Soil Conservation Society of India in respect of trials to test the combined effect of manuring with different organic manures and fertilizers, irrigation, spacing, inter-culture varieties and crop rotation, with a view to increasing fertility of the soil; and

(b) whether experimental stations have been set up in the River Valley areas for this purpose?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b). The recommendations made by the Soil Conservation Society of India are under consideration of the Central Soil Conservation Board.

#### INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

1138. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the Indian Airlines Corporation who are occupying quarters in I.N.A. Colony; and

(b) the number of quarters that have been allotted to the Civil Aviation employees?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No employee of the Indian Airlines Corporation has been allotted quarters in I.N.A. Colony.

(b) 111.

#### MARINE OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS

1139. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total number of Officers and Engineers trained in the Training Ship "Dufferin", the Marine Engineering College, Calcutta and Nautical and Engineering College, Bombay in the last three years?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The required information is furnished below:-

Training Ship 'DUFFERIN'	142
Directorate of Marine Engineering	
Training	94
Nautical and Engineering College	658
	TOTAL 894

#### INDIAN SHIPPING

1140. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the number of ore carriers which India or Indian Shippers at Bombay possess at present?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** There are no ships owned by Indian shipping