

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :

(a) Delhi	.	542
Bombay	.	370
Calcutta	.	1215
Madras	.	143
TOTAL		2270
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(b) Permanent	.	947
Temporary	.	1121
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The rest 202 are non-departmental, employed on daily wage basis. There are no work charged telephone operators.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b).

R. M. S. Employees

576. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India R. M. S. Employees Union (Class III) has demanded at their conference held at Madras, recently the appointment of an adjudicator for fixation of pay, seniority etc. of the ex-State employees;

(b) whether the conference has also asked for the grant of educational concessions to the children of the Central Government employees as recommended by the Central Pay Commission; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) No communication has been received by Government from the Union regarding these demands.

(c) Does not arise.

Meteorological Instruments

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

(a) the progress of work in the departmental workshops at Poona and New Delhi;

(b) the number of meteorological and seismological instruments manufactured there since 1952; and

(c) whether any new instruments are proposed to be manufactured during the rest of the First Plan Period ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) The Meteorological workshops at Poona and New Delhi were initially started as maintenance and repair shops. These were then

switched on to the mass production of radiosondes and with the equipment and machinery installed for this work the Department undertook the manufacture of practically all meteorological instruments of routine use. The workshops are now sufficiently well equipped and most of the meteorological instruments required for day-to-day use are being made at the workshops.

(b) The number of instruments manufactured at the two workshops from 1-1-1952 to 30-6-1955 is as follows:—

New Delhi	.	8,275
Poona	.	9,842

(c) The following new instruments are proposed to be manufactured during the rest of the First Plan period :—

Poona. 1. Transmissometers for the measurement of visibility along runways at aerodromes.

2. Ceilometers—for the continuous recording of the cloud heights at important aerodromes.

New Delhi,

1. Transmitters—for radio-wind-finding observations.

2. Optical theodolites—for pilot balloon observations.

Gur Production

578. { **Pandit D. N. Tiwary :**
Shri M. Islamuddin :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of gur produced in India during the 1954-55 season ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deahmukh) : About 28.2 lakh tons.

Family Planning

579. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to start family planning centres in every sub-divisional town; and

(b) the number of family planning centres working in Bihar at present ?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) (a) No.

(b) Ten.