

### Employment Exchanges

274. **Dr. Satyawadi**: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons employed in the various grades in each of the Employment Exchange Offices at present ; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes amongst them ?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai)** (a) and (b).

	Class				Total
	I	II	III	IV	
(i) Total No. of officers	33	197	860	543	1633
(ii) No. of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes	4	14	96	114	228
(iii) No. of officers belonging to Scheduled Tribes:	—	2	20	19	41

Statement giving the requisite information in respect of each Employment Exchange is given in the accompanying statement [See Appendix III, annexure No. 64].

### Japanese Method of Cultivation

275. **Shri N. Rachiah**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the total acreage of land brought under Japanese method of paddy cultivation during 1954 and 1955 State-wise.

(b) the extent of increase in the production of rice after this method was introduced in the country ; and

(c) the period by which the country will become self-sufficient in rice production ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)** (a): Statement is appended. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 65].

(b) 890 mnds. of rice per acre during 1953-54 and 10.53 mnds. of rice per acre during 1954-55.

(c) The supply position of rice in the country is quite satisfactory at present and it is expected that it will not be necessary now to import rice during the next year for current consumption.

### Tourists

276. **Shri D. C. Sharma**: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tourists who visited India during the period from the 1st July to the end of November, 1955 ; and

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during the above period ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan)** : (a) 2506 during July 1955. Figures for the period August to November 1955 are not yet available.

(b) The information is not available.

### Health Minister's Welfare Fund

277. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount received for the Health Minister's Welfare Fund during 1955 ; and

(b) the total amount spent from this fund during the above period ?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur)**: (a) Rs. 66,923-11-0 up to 31st October, 1955.

(b) Rs. 22,881-4-9.

### Post Offices

278. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi**: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Post Offices in India as on the 31st March 1955 ; and

(b) the target proposed for the Second Five Year Plan ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur)** : (a) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha shortly.

(b) About 20,000.