

RAILWAY LANDS

888. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of Railway lands leased out in 1955-56 for cultivation; and

(b) how it compares with the figures of 1954-55?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b) Railway land measuring approximately 22,900 acres has been leased out in 1955-56 for cultivation purposes as compared with approximately 26,000 acres leased in 1954-55.

AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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

(a) the number of treaties and agreements entered into by the Ministry with other countries during the First Five Year Plan (year by year);

(b) the manner in which they have been implemented by both the parties;

(c) whether any treaty or agreement has subsequently been cancelled or revised; and

(d) if so, what are they?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The requisite information is as follows:

No. of agreements or treaties signed	Year in which signed
4	1951-52
2	1952-53
..	1953-54
1	1954-55
3	1955-56

(b) to (d). Out of the ten agreements signed three agreements related to Posts & Telegraphs matters and

seven to Air Transport. All the agreements relating to the former category have been implemented in full and none of them has been revised or cancelled. The requisite details regarding Air Transport agreements are given below:—

Netherlands : An Air Transport agreement between India and Netherlands was signed on the 24th May, 1951 which replaced an earlier agreement concluded on 30th June, 1947. The Dutch Airline is operating services to and from India under this agreement, but no Indian airline is yet operating to the Dutch territories.

United Kingdom : Both the Indian and U.K. airlines are operating services between India and U.K. territories under the agreement.

Afghanistan : An agreement was signed on 26-1-1952. An Indian airline is operating air services between India and Afghanistan. No Afghan airline is yet operating between these countries.

Egypt : An Indian airline is operating services to and across Egypt under the India-Egypt Air Transport agreement. No Egyptian airline is operating to or across India under the agreement.

Iraq : An agreement was signed on 28-7-1955, and is awaiting rectification. No services have started operating under the agreement.

Japan : An agreement was signed on 26-11-1955 and an Indian airline has been operating to Tokyo since 7th May, 1955. No Japanese airline is at present operating to and across India.

U.S.A. : The agreement was signed on the 3rd February, 1956 the previous agreement concluded in 1946 having been terminated on the 15th January, 1955. Under the present agreement, two American airlines are operating to and across India. No Indian airline is at present operating to or across United States of America.