

The Deputy Minister of Labour
(Shri Abid Ali): (a) 35.

- (b) (i) Karnal 5
(ii) Pusa (Bihar) Nil.
(iii) Simla Nil.

Employees' Provident Fund Act, 1952

1496. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 778 on the 12th April, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to extend the provisions of Employees' Provident Fund Act, 1952, to the Transport workers; and

(b) if so, by what time?

The Deputy Minister of Labour
(Shri Abid Ali): (a) Not yet.

(b) A survey of transport establishments has been carried out and the views of the State Government and employers and workers' organisations are being obtained. It will take some time before the matter can be finally decided.

Vegetable Seeds

1497. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the special varieties of vegetable seeds evolved at the different breeding stations in the country with the names of the varieties evolved at each station?

The Deputy Minister of Labour
(Shri Abid Ali): The varieties of vegetable seeds evolved at the Central Vegetable Breeding stations are given below:—

(i) *Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi*—

Tomato:—Sioux, Improved Meeruti, Pusa Red Plum.

Cauliflower:—Pusa Katki.

Cowpeas:—Pusa Phalguni, Pusa Barsati.

Bhindi:—Pusa Makhmali.

Sponge gourd:—Pusa chikni, Pusa Nasdar.

Brinjal:—Pusa purple long, Pusa purple Round.

Bottle-gourd:—Summer prolific.

Watermelon:—Asahi Yamato, New Hampshire Midget.

Peas:—Early Badger, Asuaji, Bonneville.

Onion:—Early Grano, Pusa Red.

Gaur:—Pusa Sadabahar, Pusa Mausmi.

(ii) *The Vegetable Breeding Sub-station of the I.A.R.I. Katrain (Kulu).*

Cabbage:—Sure Head, Golden Acre.

Knol-Khol:—White vienna.

Lettuce:—Chinese yellow.

Turnip:—Purple Top white Globe, Snowball, Golden ball

Carrot:—Chanteney, Nantes.

Radish:—White icicle, Rapid round.

Tomato:—Rutgers.

Information regarding varieties evolved in the States is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Suspension of Telegraph Service

1498. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telegraph service from Ghatal Telegraph Office in the District of Midnapur was suspended for about a week in the middle of August, 1956 thereby causing immense difficulties to the public;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps, if any taken by Government to prevent such dislocations in future?

The Minister of Communications
(Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Telegraph service between Ghatal and Kharagpur was interrupted between 1430 hours on 9th August to 0930 hours on 10th August and again between 0845 hours on 11 to 0730 hours on 14th.

(b) Delay in restoration of Communication was due to inability of the lineman at Ghatal to trace the fault which resulted in long duration of the interruption.

(c) The lineman at Ghatal has since been transferred. Thorough inspection of the line and urgent repairs thereto have since been carried out to avoid recurrence of the fault.

Postal Facilities (Kotra, Udaipur)

1499. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Kotra in Udaipur Division has not yet been provided with adequate Postal and Telegraph facilities; and

(b) if so, when they are likely to be completed?

The Minister of Communications
(Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). A permanent Departmental Branch Post Office exists at Kotra. Sanction to provide telegraph facilities has also been issued. It is expected to be provided during the current year subject to availability of stores,