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	5th Session of FAO Council at Rome. 3-15/9/56.	1 Shri B.R. Sen, Ambassador of India in Japan.....Leader.
4	3rd Special Conference Session at Rome 10-22/9/56.	2 Shri J. N. Khosla, Charge d' Affairs, Prague. 3 Shri J. V. A. Nehemcah, Secretary, I. C. A. R. 4 Shri N. T. Gulrajani, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of India, Rome.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research

332. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from the Cess Fund for research works during 1956-57;

(b) how much Cess was received by different Commodity Committees and how they were spent during the same period; and

(c) whether any new Cess was imposed during 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The figures of cess collections are maintained on financial year basis. Accordingly during the financial year 1956-57 cess received amounted to Rs. 43,27,790.

(b) A statement is appended. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 44].

(c) No, Sir.

Staff in P. & T. Offices

333. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in staff in Post and Telegraph Offices is quite insufficient in comparison with the large number of Post and Telegraph Offices opened in recent years;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the situation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the forms supplied to Post and Telegraph Offices are quite insufficient and the quality of paper used for printing forms has deteriorated; and

(d) whether the Department propose to establish printing presses for their own use?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No. The following figures will indicate that there has been a corresponding increase in staff:—

	No. of P and T Offices	No. of staff
31-3-1948	33,174	1,49,266
31-3-1956	70,765	2,76,333

(b) This does not arise.

(c) The supply position has not been as satisfactory as it should be due to the inability of the existing Government Presses to cope fully with the rapid expansion of the Posts and Telegraphs Department. The quality of paper used for printing of forms has improved since the P. & T. Department is giving effect to the decision to print all forms on white paper gradually keeping in view the resources of the Government in procuring white paper.

(d) The question of provision of 'Job Presses' to all Heads of Circles is to be considered by a High Powered Forms Committee along with other matters relating to supply and printing of forms. The Committee is expected to start functioning shortly.

Nurses' Mess in Safdarjang Hospital

334. Shri Warrior: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a nurses' mess in Safdarjang Hospital;

(b) if so, who runs it;

(c) whether the members of the mess are allowed any say in its management and control;

(d) what are the charges levied from the members on the mess bills; and

(e) whether the members of the mess are shown the accounts of the mess?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) It is run by the Matron with the help of the Home Sister.

(c) The control and management of the mess ultimately vests in the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital. Suggestions can be made by nurses in the matter of the management and control of the mess in mess meetings. The Superintendent has issued instructions for the constitution of a mess committee with three nurses elected as members.

(d) Members are charged Rs. 50/- per head per month.

(e) A copy of the mess accounts is put up on the notice board of the mess for the information of the nurses, who are also given opportunities to go through the accounts.

छपरा स्टेशन पर रेल के ऊपर का पुल

३३५. श्री म० ना० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह पता है कि छपरा कचहरी स्टेशन के पश्चिमी फाटक पर यातायात के काफी बढ़ जाने के कारण लोगों को माल गाड़ियों के शंटिंग और डिब्बे आदि जोड़ने के कारण बहुत असुविधा होती है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इस कठिनाई को दूर करने के लिये रेलवे लाइन के ऊपर एक पुल बनाने का प्रबन्ध करेगी ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) सरकार को मालूम है कि लोगों को

कुछ कठिनाई हो रही है। लेकिन इस की वजह यह नहीं है कि समपार से गुजरने वाला रेल या सड़क यातायात बढ़ गया है। कठिनाई की वजह यह है कि यार्ड के विस्तार के कारण समपार यार्ड के अन्दर आ गया है, इसलिये मार्शलिंग और शंटिंग के समय इस का फाटक बन्द रखना पड़ता है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। ऊपरी पुल बनाना जरूरी नहीं मालूम होता। लेकिन समपार को यार्ड से हटाने के लिये, उसे पश्चिम की ओर लगभग ७४० फीट की दूरी पर बजाने का विचार है। इस से सड़क यातायात में जो रुकावट पड़ती है, वह कम हो जायेगी और आज कल जनता को जो कठिनाइयां हो रही हैं वे भी कम हो जायेंगी।

स्टेशन मास्टर्स की परीक्षा

३३६. श्री म० ना० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में हाल ही में सहायक स्टेशन मास्टर्स और सिगनेलरों की भर्ती के लिये एक परीक्षा हुई थी और बनारस तथा अन्य परीक्षा केन्द्रों के परिक्षार्थियों को पहले से ही परीक्षा-पत्र ज्ञात हो गये थे;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस परीक्षा के आधार पर भर्ती करने का विचार है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इसकी जांच करेगी ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) जी हाँ, पता चला है कि कुछ केन्द्रों (Centres) में इम्तहान से पहले पर्चा छाउट हो गया था :

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) इस मामले की जांच की जा रही है।