

Usually this is sufficient but if there is a shortage on any day an extra quantity of rice is cooked.

(d) 1955-56 Rs. 22,859-4-0  
1956-57 Rs. 24,254-0-0

#### Army and Air Force Canteens

459. Shri Narayanankutty Menon: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any rules regarding the service conditions of employees working in the canteens of the Army and Air Force;

(b) if so, what are the rules;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from these employees regarding the pay and other service conditions; and

(d) if so, the action taken on such representation?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) and (b) Employees working in the Army and Air Force Canteens are not Government Servants and the question of Government framing any rules regarding their service conditions does not arise.

(c) Not recently.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Political sufferers in Manipur

460. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have been given lands or monetary help as political sufferers in the territory of Manipur during 1947-56;

(b) how many persons applied for help or relief as political sufferers; and

(c) how many applications have been rejected?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) None.

(b) Thirty-two.

(c) Four.

#### Movement of Coal

461. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the total quantity of coal moved by railways during 1956?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): 35,408 million tons of coal (including coke) was moved by railways during 1956.

#### Tour Programmes of Ministers

462. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tour programmes of ministers are circulated in advance; and

(b) if so, the names of the departments to whom they are circulated?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):

(a) Yes.

(b) The attention of the hon'ble Member is invited to the Press Note dated the 26th June, 1957 issued on the subject.

#### Assistance to Scientists

463. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Scheme for Partial Financial Assistance to Indian Scientists going abroad has been put into operation; and

(b) how many scientists have so far been helped under this Scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) 1948-47.

(b) 29. Six more scientists will be given assistance during the current financial year.