

### Indian Military Mission to Egypt

\*125. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Military Mission headed by the Chief of the Army Staff visited Egypt recently;

(b) if so, the object of the visit; and

(c) the duration of its stay in that country?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Ragharamaiah):** (a) No Indian Military Mission as such visited Egypt recently. However, the Chief of the Army Staff, accompanied by the Master General of Ordnance, paid a visit to Egypt, on their way back to India after attending the Conference of Commonwealth Army Chiefs in the U.K.

(b) To visit our Para Battalion serving with the United Nations Emergency Force at Gaza Strip.

(c) 3 days.

### Research in Explosives

\*126. { **Shri Subodh Hasda:**  
**Shri R. C. Majhi:**

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research work has been taken up by our Research Laboratories for the manufacture of different varieties of explosives in India for purposes other than military;

(b) if so, the names of the laboratories carrying out the research at present and the results, if any, which have been achieved; and

(c) the number of varieties of explosives for which research is being carried out?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrinani):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

### Corruption in States

\*127. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the help rendered by the Centre to the State Governments to root out corruption?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** The Central Government is only responsible for taking measures to check corruption on the part of Central Government employees for which purpose they have got under them an investigating agency called the Delhi Special Police Establishment. The Special Police Establishment also assists State Governments as and when such assistance is asked for.

### Sethu Samudaram Project

33. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 932 on the 17th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the report of the traffic survey by the Director General of Shipping with regard to Sethu Samudaram project has since been received;

(b) if so, whether it has been examined; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). The Director General of Shipping is awaiting some data called for by him from the Indian National Steamship Owners' Association for the preparation of the report.

### Miraj-Kolhapur Railway Section

34. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to convert the Metre-Gauge section of the present Miraj-Kolhapur of Southern Railways into Broad Gauge one; and

(b) if so, when the work will be taken up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Investigations of the proposal are in progress.

(b) No decision about the work can be taken until the surveys are completed and the reports examined.

#### P. & T. Employees

35. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees Class I, II, III and IV in Post and Telegraph Department as on the 31st March, 1957; and

(b) the monthly wage bill of each category of employees?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A statement giving the required information is given below.

(b) The information regarding the Pay and Allowances drawn for each category of employees for March 1957 is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

#### STATEMENT

##### Statistics of Strength of Staff as on 31-3-57

Classes	Total number as on 31-3-57
Class I.	398
Class II.	992
Class III	155,611
Class IV.	52,138
E.D. Class III.	51,185
E.D. Class IV	41,474
Grant Total	301,798

#### Railway Employees

36. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of employees class, I, II, III and IV employed under various zones of Railways in India as on the 31st March, 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): A statement giving the necessary information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 30.]

#### Lembuchara Agricultural Farm

37. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of seeds produced in Lembuchara Agricultural Farm during 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) whether the yield is small as compared with the cost incurred per acre of land cultivated; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to improve the management of the farm?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Total amount of seeds produced at the Lembuchara Agricultural farm is as indicated below:—

	1955-56	1956-57
Paddy	209Mds. 78rs.	167Mds. 35rs.
ute	2Mds. 36rs.	6Mds. 8rs.
Sugarcane	32,743 sets.	42,175 sets.

(b) The cost of production is rather high due to the following reasons:—

(i) Cultivation is undertaken on an experimental basis;

(ii) enforcement of Minimum Wages Act; and

(iii) thorough weeding for maintaining the purity of the seeds.

(c) Every effort is being made to keep the expenditure as low as possible at the farm and to run it efficiently.

#### Opening of New Telegraph Offices

38. Shri Poeker Sahib: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the public of