

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