

Symposium on Monsoons of the World

1742. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three days symposium was recently held in Delhi on "Monsoons of the World";

(b) if so, what specific points were discussed during the conference;

(c) whether any such conference was previously held wherein India had participated;

(d) whether any point of artificial rains was discussed; and

(e) if so, the conclusions arrived at?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 27 papers dealing with the various aspects of the monsoons under the following seven broad sections were presented and discussed at the symposium:—

- (1) Climatology of the monsoons—surface and upper air.
- (2) Monsoons and the general circulation.
- (3) Dynamics of the monsoons.
- (4) Depressions and perturbations in the monsoons.
- (5) Rain and clouds of the monsoons.
- (6) Variability of the monsoons.
- (7) Forecasting of the monsoons—extended and long range.

(c) No, Sir. This was the first international symposium to be held on the 'Monsoons of the World'.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Staff

1743. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that recruitment to all posts in the Eastern Railway Press is not done in consultation with the Employment Exchange or through the Railway Service Commission, Calcutta?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Recruitment of Class III staff, viz. Clerks, Typists, Copyholders etc. is done by the Railway Service Commission, Calcutta. Recruitment of skilled (Class III) semi-skilled and unskilled staff is done by the departmental Selection Board. As per practice obtaining on the Indian Railways a copy of the Employment Notice is sent to the linked Employment Exchange and candidates nominated by the Exchange are considered for appointments along with the applicants who submit their applications direct to the Railway administration.

Fair Price Shops in Bombay State

1744. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri Pangarkar: ..

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fair price shops at present in the Bombay State;

(b) how many out of these are in Bombay City; and

(c) the prices at which food-grains are being sold there?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) On 1st March, 1958, 5,348 fair price shops were functioning in the Bombay State.

(b) 1,496.