

Telegraph Offices, State-wise, in India as on the 31st March, 1967; and

(b) the total number of Post and Telegraph employees in the country and their annual wage bill inclusive of all allowances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) A statement showing Post Offices, State-wise, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-54/68]. As regards Telegraph Offices, State-wise figures are not available. Circle-wise figures are, however, available and a statement of the same is also laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(b) Employees	—	5,13,342
Annual Wage bill inclusive of all allowances	—	98,08 lakhs

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

421. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) names, designations, annual salaries and other emoluments of 20 top officials of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) dates, destinations of foreign trips made by the above officers during the last 3 years with expense in Indian currency and foreign currency of each trip; and

(c) number of employees employed by the Corporation and their annual wage bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) A statement showing the names, designations and annual salaries including other al-

lowances of 20 top officials of the Food Corporation of India is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-55/68].

(b) (i) A team consisting of the Chairman, Food Corporation of India, an officer of Government of India and an officer of the I.A.R.I. visited Japan from 5-2-67 to 19-2-67 in connection with the establishment of Rice Mills under the Yen Credit. Details of expenditure incurred on the team are as under:—

In rupees	Rs. 17,279,000
In foreign exchange	..	Rs. 9,968,000
Total:		<u>Rs. 27,247,000</u>

(ii) Managing Director, Food Corporation of India visited Australia for about 3 weeks from 23rd April, 1967 under two Special Visitor Awards offered by the Australian Government under the Colombo Plan. No expenditure was incurred by the Food Corporation.

(c) The total number of employees in the Food Corporation of India as on 31-3-1967 was 11,353. On the basis of provision figures for the year 1966-67 the annual wage bill of these employees comes to about Rs. 228 lakhs.

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

422. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of offices of the Food Corporation of India and their annual maintenance expense; and

(b) the number and type of vehicles owned by the Corporation and their cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The total number of offices of the Food