

titled to full or fair pension were pensioned off,

(ii) secondly, in connection with the reorganisation of each department senior and more efficient persons were retained and junior and inefficient or otherwise unsuitable persons were retrenched.

MASULIPATAM-PULIGADDA RAILWAY LINE

*1371. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct a new Railway line from Masulipatam Station to Puligadda?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The reply is in the negative.

BONE-MEAL FACTORIES

*1372. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bone-meal factories in India and their location;

(b) the extent of production;

(c) the extent of supply by bone-millers to each State; and

(d) whether there is any restriction on its price and distribution?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Fifty-two. A statement furnishing the names and location of factories is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 3.]

(b) 35,000 tons annually.

(c) The information was called for from all the bone-millers. Replies from only thirteen bone-mills have so far been received and are shown in the statement placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 4.] Replies from the remaining factories are awaited.

(d) There is no statutory control on the price and distribution of bonemeal. There is, however, an effective gentleman's agreement with the bone-millers who supply bone-meal to the State Governments at Rs. 190 per ton in respect of port factories and a little higher price in case of factories located in the interior.

THIRD CLASS COMPARTMENTS

*1373. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether fans have been provided in all class III carriages of North-Eastern Railway;

(b) If so, on the whole of the railway or in a Section only; and

(c) if on a Section only, what action, if any, Government propose to take to provide fans in class III carriages on the remaining section of the said Railway?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) About 1,400 fans have been fitted in III class coaches of the North Eastern Railway.

(b) All coaches have not been fitted. It is not proposed to fit fans in coaches due scrapping shortly.

(c) Fans are fitted when the carriages are given major repairs in the workshops. 186 New III class coaches fitted with fans have been allotted to the North Eastern Railway. These coaches are expected during the current financial year.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT OF TRAVANCORE-COCHIN STATE

*1374. **Shri Achuthan:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) when the departments of Telegraph and Telephones of Travancore-Cochin State were taken over by the Central Government and what amount was paid to the state; and

(b) the annual income in 1951 from that region in those departments?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) There was no separate telegraph system in the State. There was a separate telephone system in the Travancore portion only; it was taken over on the 1st April, 1950. In accordance with the Federal Financial Integration no compensation was paid to the State for the transfer.

(b) The estimated income for the official year ending 31st March, 1951, was about Rs. 13.60 lakhs of rupees. For the subsequent period, information is not available as separate accounts are not maintained for different regions.

FUEL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*1375. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Fuel Enquiry Committee has completed its work and submitted its report; and

(b) if in the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether an interim report is being called for?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) The Committee has already submitted an interim report.