

129 persons completed their post-graduate training from 1949 to 1951. 62 more will complete their training by September, 1952.

(b) So far as information is available, 106 have been absorbed in different Government institutions (Central as well as States).

ALLOCATIONS OF FOODGRAINS TO STATES

7. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations of foodgrains made to different deficit States in India from internal procurement and imports separately in the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 (State by State and year by year); and

(b) the division of allocations in each State (i) by civil population; and (ii) to the industrialists?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The allocation of foodgrains under Basic Plan is worked on the basis of the calendar year. A statement showing actual supplies from 1949 to 1951 and quotas fixed for 1952 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 19.]

(b) Only bulk allocations are given to the States and they utilise it together with the grains procured locally to meet the requirements of both the civil and the industrial population.

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

8. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passengers who were detected and charged for travelling without tickets in the Central, Southern, and Western Railways in the month of January, 1952; and

(b) the total amount of money collected by the Railway Administration by way of excess fares and penalties from those ticketless travellers during the said period?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). The number of passengers detected travelling without proper passes or tickets and the total amounts of fares and penalties realised from them during the month of January 1952 on the 41 P.S.D.

Central, the Southern and the Western Railways are given below:

Railway	Number of passengers detected travelling without proper passes or tickets	Amount of fare and penalty realised	
		Rs.	
Central	72,722	1,72,893	
Southern	1,26,651	2,42,328	
Western	91,578	2,12,790	

TELEGRAMS (COMPLAINTS)

9. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of complaints in Bihar circle regarding delayed delivery of telegrams both ordinary and express during 1951-52;

(b) the number of cases in which enquiries were held;

(c) the number of cases in which postal employees were found negligent and punished; and

(d) the number of cases in which no inquiry was held?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

LIVESTOCK

10. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the total number of livestock in the country in every State and of every species on the 31st March, 1952?

(b) What is the birth rate of each species and what is their death rate?

(c) How many die natural death?

(d) What is the amount of fodder available per head?

(e) What was the area under fodder cultivation during the last two years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The last quinquennial census was conducted in May, 1951 and subsequent months. A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 20.]

(b) Not available.

(c) Not known.

(d) This varies from area to area. The average amount of roughages including cultivated fodders, straws and grass is estimated at 10 lbs. per head per day on a dry basis.

(e) About 10 million acres.

P. & T. DEPARTMENT (INTEREST AND PROFIT)

11. Shri Hukam Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether any interest on capital payable to General Revenues was paid by the P & T Department during the year 1951-52 and if so, what was the amount paid?

(b) What amount was appropriated for Renewals Reserve Funds during the year?

(c) What, if any, was the amount of profit earned by the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes. Revised Estimate of Interest on Capital, payable to General Revenues, for the year 1951-52, after allowing rebate on the accumulated surpluses is Rs. 1.31 lakhs. Actual figures for the year 1951-52 are not yet available, as the accounts have not yet been closed.

(b) Rs. 75 lakhs.

(c) Revised Estimate of profit for the year 1951-52 is Rs. 3.87 lakhs. The

accounts of the year have not been closed finally but the revised estimate is likely to be realised in full.

AMRAVATI-NARKHED RAILWAY LINE

12. Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the position of the scheme to connect Amravati with Narkhed by rail on the Nagpur Delhi route?

(b) Is there any likelihood of this matter being taken up for early consideration?

(c) Is it proposed to provide any amount in the Budget for 1952-53 for the project?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The Traffic survey of the project has been completed; Engineering Survey was partly done and further work was suspended as the line is not among the list of projects so far approved by the Central Board of Transport. The preliminary reports received revealed that the project would not be remunerative. This project will be reconsidered by the Central Board of Transport along with other projects in Madhya Pradesh in due course.

(b) There is no likelihood of this project being taken up for consideration till other projects of greater importance already approved by the Central Board of Transport are carried out.

(c) No.