

In 1951-52, grain and other commodities bought at a total cost of Rs. 17,97 lakhs were sold for Rs. 9,48 lakhs. The percentage of loss over cost price in 1951-52 was 57.

All the figures for 1951-52 are inclusive of the ex-States Railways but are approximate as the actual figures for the last 3 months are not readily available.

P. AND T. OFFICES IN PUNJAB AND HIMACHAL PRADESH

230. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post and telegraph offices opened in the years 1950-51 and 1951-52, district-wise, in the States of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) how many of them were opened in urban areas and how many in rural areas;

(c) the extent of the area and the number of the population which they are serving;

(d) how many post offices Government propose to open in these States during the year 1952-53; and

(e) what number is allotted to urban and what to rural areas, district-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 56.]

(c) Information about the area served by the new offices is not readily available. In regard to population, it is expected that the new P. and T. offices will benefit roughly over 6 lakhs of people in the Punjab and over half a lakh in Himachal Pradesh.

(d) and (e). No numerical target has been fixed. In rural areas, there are now no villages in the States of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh with a population of 2,000 or more that remain to be provided with post offices.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS CONDUCT RULES

231. Sardar Lal Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering revision of Government Servants Conduct Rules to bring them in consonance with the provisions of the Constitution of India;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether approval of the Parliament will be taken before their promulgation; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Revised rules will be made by the President under the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution which does not require the approval of Parliament. However, copies of the revised rules will, when published, be supplied to the Library of Parliament and also placed on the Table of the House.

CIVIL SERVICES (CLASSIFICATION, CONTROL AND APPEAL) RULES

232. Sardar Lal Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering amending Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules in view of provisions of the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, when such amendments will be promulgated?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The formulation and implementation of a number of Service Organization Schemes is now in progress. The final classification of the Services and the specification of controlling authorities can only be done after this work has been completed. As regards rules relating to disciplinary proceedings, the hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given by me to the Unstarred Question No. 96 on the 5th June, 1952. For these reasons it is not possible to give a definite reply to this part of the question.

DIBIAPUR-PHAPHUND RAILWAY LINE

233. Shri Badshah Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a scheme under the contemplation of Government to connect Etawah, Mainpuri and Etah Districts by constructing a new Railway line from Dibiapur-Phaphund in Etawah District to Mainpuri and Etah;

(b) what is the present position of the scheme; and

(c) whether any survey operations were undertaken in this connection?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). Yes. The Uttar Pradesh Government recommended a rail connection between Phaphund and Bulandshahr, via Mainpuri, Etah, Kasganj, Debai and Anupshahr. This scheme was considered and dropped by the Central Board of Transport.

(c) No survey operations were undertaken for the project.

SPECIAL COMPLAINTS ORGANISATION

234. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of the Posts and Telegraphs Department were dismissed as a result of the findings of the Special Complaints Organisation in 1951-52;

(b) how many employees were found fault with by the Organisation and how they were dealt with otherwise; and

(c) how many persons have been rewarded for supplying true information and grave complaints to the Organisation?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 5.

(b) 228. Besides the 5 cases of dismissal, the following punishments were inflicted on others.

5—Removed from service.

5—For pecuniary loss caused to Government; the amount was recovered from pay.

6—Reduced in pay.

4—Reverted to lower posts.

32—punished with stoppage of increment.

7—Declared unfit for promotion.

69—Censured.

Rest—Warned.

(c) None.

LONG STAPLE COTTON

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

(a) how many acres of land are expected to be brought under long staple cotton cultivation in West Bengal this year;

(b) how much of the land is fallow land;

(c) the names of districts where such cotton will be grown;

(d) the area of land selected in each district; and

(e) how much land was brought under cotton cultivation last year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) 5,000 acres.

(b) Almost the entire area is fallow.

(c) and (d). A statement showing the area of land so far selected in each District is laid on the Table of the House.

(e) 3,000 acres.

STATEMENT

Names of Districts where cotton will be grown during 1952-53	Area of land selected
1	2
	<i>Acres</i>
Midnapore (North) .	650
Midnapore (South) .	300
Bankura .	800
Birbhum .	400
Burdwan .	250
Murshidbad-Nadia .	300
Jalpaiguri . . .	200
Malda West Dinajpur	350
24 Parganas .	150
TOTAL .	3,400

Note: The plan is to bring extra 5,000 acres under cultivation in the whole State. Uptill now 3,400 acres have been selected for this purpose. Selection of the other 1,600 acres is proceeding.

LEASE OF PLOTS IN KHARAGPUR

236. Shri S. C. Samanta: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether applications were invited in 1951 to take lease of some plots of railway land for new temporary erections nearabout the vegetable Market, Golebazar, Kharagpur?