

in India at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and other factories during the year 1951-52; and

(f) the average price at which a locomotive was imported into India and the average cost at which it was manufactured in India during the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) There were 5,225 Broad Gauge, 2,676 Metre Gauge and 363 Narrow Gauge Locomotives on line on Indian Railways on 31st March 1952. Of these, about 1,200 Broad Gauge, 800 Metre Gauge and 100 Narrow Gauge locomotives were over 40 years of age.

(b) to (e). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 34.]

(f) The landed cost of a Broad Gauge imported locomotive is about Rs. 5 lakhs and that of a Metre Gauge locomotive about 3 lakhs. The average estimated cost of a similar Broad Gauge locomotives produced in India is about Rs. 6½ lakhs and that of a Metre Gauge locomotive about Rs. 4 lakhs.

POSTAL INSPECTORS

204. Shri Dhusiya: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what is the total number of Postal Inspectors throughout India permanent and temporary respectively?

(b) What is their number in U.P. permanent and temporary respectively?

(c) What is the number and percentage of the Scheduled Caste candidates on this post in U.P.?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Permanent—572.

Temporary—366.

(b) Permanent—77.

Temporary—46.

(c) NIL.

AIR MAIL SERVICES FOR DELIVERY OF POSTAL MAILS IN BIHAR

205. Shri L. N. Mishra: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the names of the places that are served by airmail services for delivery of postal mails in Bihar?

(b) What are the names of the companies that have been entrusted with the task of carrying postal mails by air in Bihar?

(c) What is the number of planes engaged in the said purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) All 1st Class and surcharged mails originating at the various night air mail centres and places beyond intended for all places in Bihar are carried partly or wholly by air depending on the location of the office of delivery. Mails for and from places in the neighbouring States are also carried by air whenever this ensures expedition in delivery.

(b) Bharat Airways Ltd., and Indian National Airways Ltd.

(c) Thrée.

DIVERSION OF PADDY LANDS TO JUTE IN WEST BENGAL

206. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many acres of paddy growing lands in West Bengal have been converted into jute growing lands since Partition under the direction of the Government of India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Before 1950-51 there was no plan of the Government of India for diversion of area from cultivation of paddy to that of jute. The plan for 1950-51 and 1951-52 provided for a diversion of 2 lakh acres. Estimates of actual diversion are not available.

SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

207. Shri E. Iyyani: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidate who appeared for the I.A.S. and I.P.S. examination held by the Union Public Service Commission in September-October 1951; and

(b) the number of candidates who came out successful from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):

(a)

Name of Service	Number of Candidate	
	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Indian Administrative Service only.	10	..
Indian Police Service only.	11	1
Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service.	22	2
TOTAL	43	3

(b) Nil.