

(d) The Government of India hold 49 per cent. of the share capital of A.R. India International Limited and about 78 per cent. of Deccan Airways Limited.

TRIBAL AREAS

222. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have any plan to construct air strips, Post and Telegraph offices in the tribal Areas of Manipur, Tripura and Assam; and

(b) the number of such air strips, Post and Telegraph offices which are already in existence and which will be built during the next five years in the said areas?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Proposals for opening a number of Posts and Telegraph offices and constructing air strips in these areas are under consideration.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 50].

COCOANUT CULTIVATION

223. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the area of coconut cultivation in each State of the Indian Union;

(b) the average annual income derived on coconut cultivation in each State; and

(c) the amount of cess paid annually by the growers to Government in each State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). Three statements giving the necessary information are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 51].

RAILWAY WORKSHOP, AJMER

224. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the Railways Carriage and Wagon Shop was established in Ajmer;

(b) what was its outturn in terms of wagons and carriages (bogies) in the decade 1930-1940?

(c) what was its outturn for the same items in the decade 1940-50; and

(d) what is the total number of wagons and carriages (bogies) in the Ajmer Yard expecting repairs and since how long?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

SEED BREEDING FARMS

225. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of seed breeding farms in India and where they are located statewide?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The information, which is not readily available is being collected and will be furnished to the House when received.

COCOANUT RESEARCH STATIONS

226. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coconut Research Stations in South India;

(b) the annual grant for each station during 1950-51 and 1951-52; and

(c) the improvements, if any, made in these stations during 1952-53?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 52].

(c) The Research Stations are carrying on during 1952-53 the programme of research previously formulated. The Central Research Stations at Kasaragod and Kayangulam are engaged on fundamental research and investigation of pests and diseases respectively. The regional stations are conducting manurial and cultural experiments with special reference to conditions in the regions served by them.

METEOROLOGICAL BROADCASTS SERVICE (SANTA CRUZ)

227. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Santa Cruz has been selected for area meteorological broadcasts service and it has commenced working?

(b) If so, what is the precise function of this Station?