

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 30.]

JUTE GROWING AREAS

1081. Shri K. P. Sinha: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total acreage of land expected to be released during 1953 for production of rice from jute growing areas in view of the recent Trade Agreement with Pakistan?

(b) What amount of additional production of rice is expected from this released area?

(c) What is the programme for reaching self-sufficiency in jute now?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No area under jute cultivation is expected to be released for production of rice as a result of the recent Indo-Pak. Trade Agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No change in the programme for jute production is envisaged as a result of provision for import of jute from Pakistan under the Agreement.

MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

1082. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the vehicles and equipments which constitute a mobile health unit;

(b) the equipments which will be supplied with such unit;

(c) the approximate number of persons it will serve daily;

(d) the number of persons employed in each of these units and the approximate expenses incurred on the staff of each unit; and

(e) how many such health units have been supplied to State Governments, giving separate figures for each State and the cost borne by the Centre in each State?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The cost of a van with built-in equipment, excluding the cost of instruments, medicines and other necessaries is estimated to be Rs. 32,000 to Rs. 34,000 depending on the specifications.

(b) The units are equipped with drugs, dressings and such instruments as are required for various minor operations;

(c) Approximately 120 patients judging from the experience in Delhi.

(d) The number of persons employed in each unit is given below:—

(1) Civil Assistant Surgeon, Grade I.	1
(2) Compounder	1
(3) Dresser	1
(4) Driver	1
(5) Cleaner	1

The approximate expenditure that will be incurred on the staff is Rs. 9,600 per annum.

(e) The question of allocation of the mobile health units to various State Governments is under consideration. In all cases the Central Government will bear the cost of only the vehicle and the equipment that constitute the unit. The expenditure on the staff and maintenance of the unit will have to be borne by the State Governments concerned.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RED CROSS

1083. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) who are the members of the International Committee of the Red Cross; and

(b) the amount of donations paid by each member during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 for administrative expenditure of this Committee?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The International Committee of the Red Cross is composed of Swiss citizens whose number may not exceed 25. Their names are given in the attached list. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 31.]

(b) The members are not obliged to pay any donations to the International Committee of the Red Cross. But the Governments signatory to the Geneva Conventions and the National Red Cross Societies are expected to and do contribute to the funds of the Committee.

IMPORT OF RICE

1084. Shri M. R. Krishna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantities of rice imported from Pakistan, Burma, Thailand and China during the years 1951 and 1952; and