

JUTE CULTIVATION

1191. Shri B. K. Das: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of jute (including Bimli) and Mesta produced

in India State-wise during the year 1952; and

(b) the average yield per acre?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The production of Jute and Mesta during 1952-53 and its average yield per acre (State-wise)

State.	(a) Production ('000 bales of 400 lbs. each).	Mesta	(b) Yield per acre. (bales of 400 lbs. each)	Mesta
Assam	925†	—	2.92	—
Bihar†	879	141‡	1.91	2.01
Bombay	—	12	—	0.85
Madhya Pradesh*	—	—	—	—
Madras	—	169	—	2.19
Orissa	256	50	2.20	2.00
U.P.	164	26‡	2.06	2.00
West Bengal	2413‡	—	2.89	—
Hyderabad	—	235	—	1.17
Tripura	58	—	2.42	—
Vindhya Pradesh	—	4	—	1.00
All India	4695	631	2.56	1.57

*Data will be included in the Supplementary Estimate of Mesta, 1952-53.

†Excluding merged territories.

* ‡Includes negligible figures for mesta also.

§Estimated.

FOODGRAINS CARRIED BY RAILWAYS

1192. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of foodgrains moved by Railways on Government account during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 and the total amount of freight charged;

(b) the total quantity and value of foodgrains moved by vehicles and the total cost of transport during the above period; and

(c) the total quantity and value of foodgrains lost during rail and road transit during the above period?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) (i) The total quantities of foodgrains moved by rail on Government account under the

Basic Plan during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 are as under:—

Year	Indigenous	Imported
1950	294,526 tons*	2,143,771 tons
1951	199,953 tons*	4,705,249 tons*
1952	553,676 tons*	3,476,473 tons

These figures do not include movements of foodgrains on Government account within the States, for which information is not available.

(ii) The information in regard to the value of foodgrains moved by rail and the railway freight charges paid by State Governments thereon is also not available.

(b) This information is not available.