

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) Total value of claims paid from 1st January, 1955 to 15th July, 1957, was Rs. 14,15,044.

(b) The total number of claims outstanding on 15th July, 1957 was 1070

Import of Birds

304. Shri Sampath: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the varieties and the number in each variety, of poultry, chickens as well as adult birds imported, and the names of the countries from which they were imported; and

(b) the number of birds and the varieties distributed to each State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): (a) A consignment of 30,555 chicks and 8,640 hatching eggs of the following varieties was imported in February 1957, from the USA under the TCM aid programme:

Chicks.

(i) White Leghorn	} about 15,000 each.
(ii) Rhode Island Red	

Hatching eggs.

(i) Rhode Island Red	} 2,160 each
(ii) White Leghorn	
(iii) New Hampshire	
(iv) White Cornish	

(b) Two Statements are laid on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No. 18]

Production of Potatoes

305. Shri Sampath: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the production of potatoes in the year 1956-57 statewise; and

(b) the contributions if any, made by the Central Potato Research Institute, Simla, in stepping up the production of potatoes?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 19].

Cooperative Societies

306. Shri A. C. Guha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Governments have so far participated in share capital of co-operative Societies;

(b) the amount for each Government, and

(c) the number of Societies to which each State Government have contributed?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): (a) All the State Governments.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha.

Training Centres in Southern Railway

307. Shri Dharmalingam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any Training Centre for skilled technicians in Southern Railway similar to those established at (i) Mhow in Madhya Pradesh (ii) another at Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh and (iii) the third at Madhopur in Bihar;

(b) if not, whether the establishment of such a centre is under the contemplation of Government; and

(c) if so, the time it would take and the locality selected for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) No, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.