

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) 10.

(b) About Rs. 14.5 lakhs.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

*90. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details of awarding scholarships for Post-graduate studies to children of the Post and Telegraph employees have been worked out; and

(b) if so, what is the basis on which such scholarships will be awarded?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) No; but a scheme for award of 200 scholarships annually to the children of Post and Telegraph employees for Technical Education has been finalised;

(b) These scholarships are for the children, dependent brothers and dependent sisters of Post and Telegraph employees whose basic pay does not exceed Rs. 425 p.m. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the merit of the students. However, 44 scholarships every year have been reserved as under:

10 scholarships for the children of Class IV employees,

24 for the children of Scheduled Castes employees; and

10 for the children of Scheduled Tribes employees.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TACCARI LOANS

*91. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND

COOPERATION be pleased to state the time by when the report of the Committee to examine the question of channelling taccavi loans through co-operatives is expected to be received by Government from the team appointed for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PANCHAYATI RAJ AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): The report is likely to be received in August, 1962.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES TO GOODS CARRIED BY RAILWAYS

*92. SHRI SURESH J. DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, after the assumption by the Railways of the "Common Carriers' Responsibility" the number of claims for damage of goods carried by them have diminished;

(b) whether the Railways have sufficient number of inspectors to inspect the goods in regard to their condition and packing; and

(c) whether the Railways have adequate arrangements for proper storage of goods before delivery?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The total number of claims received by Railways during January to April 1962 was more than those received during January to April, 1961.

(b) The condition and the packing of goods is checked by the Goods or Parcel Clerks at the stations and Inspectors are not necessary for this work.

(c) The question of adequacy of accommodation for storage is kept under constant review and action is taken to augment the facilities wherever necessary.