

**MANNER OF SELECTION OF DELEGATIONS
AND DEPUTATIONS : OF SENT ABROAD**

*20. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state the manner in which selection of delegations and deputations sent abroad is made in the Ministry of Health?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : The selection of delegations and deputations abroad is made in consultation with the Cabinet in accordance with the: —

- (i) nature of the items on the agenda for each meeting and the experience and qualifications required of the delegates;
- (ii) needs of the situation; and
- (iii) general instructions of the Government of India in regard to delegations and deputations abroad.

It has not been possible to enunciate any specific principles in selecting delegations.

**ALL INDIA SOIL AND LAND-USE SURVEY
SCHEME**

*21. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to paragraph 12'2 on page 29 of the Report of the Mink-try of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) for 1957-58 and state:

(a) whether the scheme for all India soil and land-use survey has since been implemented; if so, since when; and

(b) what is the amount to be spent for this scheme during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JA'IN) : (a) Yes, as from 1st March 1958 when the Chief Soil Survey Officer was appointed.

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(b) Rs. 15-00 lakhs.

**PROCUREMENT OF RICE IN ANDHRA
PRADESH**

♦22. SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice procured from the millers by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from January to March, 1958 and what were the targets for the same period; and

(b) the quantity of rice to be procured during the months of April, May and June, 1958?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have not procured any rice. The Government of India have, however, procured directly from the millers in Andhra Pradesh about 1,24,000 tons of rice during January—March 1958. No target was fixed for the period.

(b) No target has been fixed.

**PROFIT AND LOSS TO RAILWAYS *it*,
TRANSPORT OF FOODGRAINS, OILSEEDS
AND COAL**

*23. SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transport of foodgrains, oilseeds and other commodities brings profit to Railways while the transport of coal involves loss; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). It is correct that the rates charged for coal are on a lower basis than those charged for foodgrains, oilseeds and other commodities, as one of the basic principles on which railway rates are prescribed is to take into account the ability of each commodity to bear the incidence of