

to store only 6 lakh tons; in 1954-55, we had to store about 10 lakh tons, and in 1955-56, already it has gone up to about 12 or 13 lakh tons of food-grains.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

INDIAN SHIPPING IN INDO-JAPANESE ' TRADE

♦377. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian shipping has started participating in the Indo-Japanese Trade; and

(b) whether the recently revived Japanese shipping has also started trading with India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Indian shipping started participating in this trade from December 1953.

(b) Yes.

APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION

*381. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Postal employees have made a demand for the appointment of a second Central Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, the action which Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes.

(b) It is not proposed to set up a Second Pay Commission.

PAY-SCALES OF FOREMEN AND ASSISTANT FOREMEN AT ARKONAM SOUTHERN RAILWAY

♦382. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the pay scales of Foremen and Assistant Foremen in the engineering workshops at Arkonam on the Southern Railway;

(b) whether these scales are at par with those of similar categories of posts in other railway zones; and

(c) if the answer to Part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons for the variation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) Foremen—Rs. 300-400, Assistant Foremen—Rs. 260-350 and Rs. 200-300.

(b) and (c). The scales of pay applicable to supervisory staff in Civil Engineering Workshops are uniform on all Railways. But the number of posts in different grades are related to the quantity and nature of the work undertaken.

PROVISION OF A HALT STATION AT VIZIANAGARAM

*388. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have received any representa-

tion from the citizens of Vizianagaram for providing a halt station in the centre of the town?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : No, Sir.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE

*389. SHRI V. M. OBAIDULLAH: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health gives an annua

grant to the Christian Medical College j at Vellore in Madras State;

(b) the number of students undergoing training in that college at present; and

(c) the basis on which admission is made to the college?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMAEI AMRIT KAUR): (a) Yes.

(b) 252.

(c) University results and the results of the tests conducted by the College and personal interviews.

सब डिब्बिजन और तहसील के मुख्यालयों में टेलीफोन की व्यवस्था

२३१. श्री कृष्णकांत व्यास : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रत्येक राज्य के ऐसे सब डिब्बिजनल और तहसीलों के मुख्यालयों की संख्या कितनी हैं जहां इस समय तक टेलीफोन नहीं लगें हैं ;

(ख) उन सभी स्थानों में किस तिथि तक टेलीफोन लग जाने की सम्भावना है ?

t [TELEPHONE FACILITIES FOR SUB-DIVISIONAL AND TEHSIL HEADQUARTERS

231. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-divisional and tehsil headquarters in each State where there are no telephone connections at present; and

(b) the probable date by which telephone facilities are proposed to be provided at all those places?]

संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) मांगी हुई सूचना साथ में लगें विवरण पत्र में दी हुई है । [द्विषुचं परिशिष्ट १०, अनुपत्र संख्या ७६]

(ख) वर्तमान नीति यह है कि हानि की दशा में सब डिब्बिजनल मुख्यालयों वाले नगरों में ही टेलीफोन व्यवस्था सुलभ की जाय, परन्तु कुल हानि निर्धारित सीमा से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए । तहसील वाले स्थानों में आम टेलीफोन घर तभी खोले जाते हैं जब कि वे लाभजनक हों और उनमें हानि का कोई स्थान न हो । अधिकांश सब डिब्बिजनल नगरों में एंसी सुविधाएं मार्च, १९५७ तक हो जाने की सम्भावना है ।

t [THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) A statement is attached. (See Appendix X, Annexure No. 76.)

(b) The present policy is to provide telephone facilities in sub-divisional headquarter towns on loss basis, subject to the aggregate loss not exceeding certain limits. No loss is allowable for tehsil stations, where Public Call Offices can be opened only if the proposals are remunerative.

Most of the Sub-Divisional towns are expected to be provided by March 1957.]

अन्नपूर्णा उपाहारगृह

२३२. श्री कृष्णकांत व्यास : क्या संचार तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वर्ष में अभी तक कितने नये अन्नपूर्णा उपाहारगृह खोले गए ; और

(ख) ये कहां कहां खोले गए हैं ?

f [ANNAPOORNA CAFETERIAS

232. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Annapoornas Cafeterias opened so far during the current year; and