

(b) The wagons which were due periodical overhaul in Workshops during the above mentioned quarter, (in terms of four wheelers), were:—

| | | |
|-------------|----|-------|
| Broad Gauge | .. | 19578 |
| Metre Gauge | .. | 8472 |

EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRES

93. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Agriculture extension Training Centres have so far been opened in India; and

(b) the number of persons who have so far been trained at these Centres?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):
(a) Thirty-five.

(b) 5230 Village Level Workers and 837 Supervisory Staff had been trained upto the 30th September, 1954 and another batch of 1711 Village Level Workers and 145 Supervisory Staff was under training on that date.

ANTI-LOCUST OPERATIONS

94. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount spent by Government on anti-locust operations during the year 1953-54?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):
About Rs. 21 lakhs.

FINANCIAL PROVISION TO CHECK ADVANCE OF DESERTS

95. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial provision made to check the expansion of the desert areas in each of the last three years;

(b) the amount actually spent in each of those years;

(c) whether in any of the above years the full amount provided for this purpose was not utilised; if so, why; and

(d) what was the result achieved during each year?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) and (b). The yearwise provision, actual expenditure during the last three years on the Desert Afforestation and Research Station, Jodhpur, established to deal with the problem of immobilisation of the Rajasthan desert, on an experimental and demonstration basis is given below:—

| Year | Provision in rupees | Expenditure in rupees |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1951-52 | Nil | Nil |
| 1952-53 | 70,000 | 68,777 |
| 1953-54 | 4,00,000 | 2,20,165 |

(c) The reasons for saving in the budget provision during the various years were as below:—

1952-53—

Saving is due to non-recruitment or non-availability of the technical staff.
1953-54—

(1) Non-recruitment of technical staff.

(2) Non-adjustment of bills for freight customs, etc. on tractors and tractor parts received under T.C.A. programme during the year.

(3) Non-utilization of funds provided for the compensation of land to be acquired for the belt of vegetation and for demarcation charges as these were decided to be paid by the State Government of Rajasthan.

(d) (a) 1952-53. The Station was set up in October 1952 and therefore not much progress could be made during the fiscal year 1952-53.

(b) 1953-54. In addition to research work, the Station undertook the experimental afforestation of 5 areas of 1000 acres each, creation of shelter