

instal telephone exchanges and Public Call Offices up to the end of 1955-56. If so, it is expected that telephone exchanges are likely to be opened in the places mentioned in (a) (i) above. The Public Call Offices will be opened at Garot, Rampur, Mamasa, Bhanpura, Narsingharh, Agar, Shamgarh and Jawad. Other places will have to wait for some time as opening of Public Call Offices is not financially justified at present.

VANAMAHOTSAVA

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

(a) the number of trees planted in each State in connection with the Vanamahotsava since its initiation up to 1953; and

(b) the number of saplings which have survived after planting in each State?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD, AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) and (b). A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 144.]

t Original notice in Hindi as below:

वन महोत्सव

२४६. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वन महोत्सव के आरम्भ से लेकर १९५३ तक प्रत्येक राज्य में कितने वृक्ष लगाये गये ; और

(ख) लगाने के बाद प्रत्येक राज्य में कितने पौधे जीवित रहे ?

JOINT STANDARD AND TOURISTS SERVICES OF A.I.I.C.

247. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss due to reduction in individual fares consequent on the introduction of Joint Standard and Tourists services on the Air India International Corporation from the 1st October 1953, is made up by additional traffic; and

(b) what was the income from these services for six months before the reduction and for six months after the reduction of fares?

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

(b) Rs. 1,15,17,130 and Rs. 1,25,01,582.. respectively.

TRAINEES IN BEEKEEPING AT VISVESVARAYA CANAL FARM

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

(a) the number of trainees receiving training in modern bee-keeping at the Extension Training Centre located at the Visvesvaraya Canal Farm in Mysore State;

(b) the period for which the training is given to each trainee; and

(c) whether the trainees are taken from amongst the Government servants only?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) : (a) Bee-keeping is one of the several subjects taught to the village level workers trainees at the Extension Training Centre, Visvesvaraya Canal Farm, but there is no separate course solely for study of beekeeping. The total number of trainees