

REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MINISTRY

*331. SHRI PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what action has been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the Estimates Committee to reduce the number of officials of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) : The recommendations are still under the consideration of Government.

DECISIONS OF THE TRIPARTITE BODY ON PLANTATION LABOUR

*332. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the decisions which were arrived at by the Tripartite Body on Plantation Labour at its recent meeting at Calcutta;

(b) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the said meeting; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken for their implementation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a), (b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 165.]

AMOUNT UNDER SUSPENSE PENDING ALLOCATION TO SERVICE HEADS UNDER POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

*333. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount at present kept under suspense pending allocation to Government or service heads, in so far as the Posts and Telegraphs Department, is concerned;

(b) whether the amount kept under suspense has been increasing or decreasing during the last three years; and

(c) whether any progress is being made for the clearance of the amount kept under suspense?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Net credit of Rs. 225 lakhs at the end of the year 1952-53.

(b) Decreasing.

(c) Yes.

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING

*334. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless travellers caught or arrested and prosecuted in the year 1953; and

(b) what is the amount of fine realised from them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The number of ticketless passengers detected and prosecuted in 1953 was 71,19,797 and 2,51,847 respectively.

(b) Rs. 4,68,900.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

*335. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state the various posts in the World Health Organisation which are held by Indians?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR) : A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 166.]