

themselves, in those terms, that retrenchment and wage-cuts, or cuts in the emoluments would be necessary?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: If they had expressed themselves on those lines, there will be no difficulty.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Sir, in view of the said attitude of the employers, what steps have Government taken to see, pending the decision to set up an All-India Tribunal, that no change in the emoluments or service conditions of the employees is made by the employers?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: I can assure the hon. Member that all possible steps will be taken to see that no change in the present conditions of the employees is effected.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE

380. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons sent abroad for technical training in various subjects connected with agriculture during each of the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54; and

(b) the number of persons proposed to be sent abroad for such training during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KJAWAI):

(a) 14 in 1951-52;
43 in 1952-53; and 77 in
1953-54.

(b) The training programme for 1954-55 is under consideration. That for 1955-56 will be considered in due course.

PROMOTION OF TOURISM

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

(a) whether Mr. Mogens Lichtenberg, President of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations, visited important cities in India;

(b) whether the Ministry of Transport had discussions with him on the development of tourism in India and the Far East; and

(c) the names of the cities which he visited in India and the points made out or the views expressed by him in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) He visited Calcutta, Banaras, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Ajanta and Bombay. While emphasising the view that India has a great tourist potential, Mr. Lichtenberg suggested that the necessary facilities for tourists, viz., easy accessibility and decent accommodation should be provided. He also stressed the desirability of simplification and uniformity of frontier formalities as an effective means of promotion of international tourism.

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CONCESSION JOURNEY ON THE RAILWAY*

382. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons of different categories were given concessions of railway travel at the rate of one single fare for return journey in the year 1953; and

(b) how many out of those persons belonged to registered associations or recognised institutions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A statement showing the number of concessional return tickets issued at the rate of