

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: "Most of them", I know. Is there any application pending with the Railways of a man who opted provisionally for Pakistan and returned to India within the time limit?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, there might be some applications pending with the various Railways.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: I wish to know the reason for that. It was four years ago, and what are the reasons for keeping the applications pending? They may be granted or rejected, but why are they pending?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They may have been calling for reports from various States.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: It is now five years, and those petitions are still pending?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Most of the applications have been disposed of, and most of them have been entertained.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH: My question is clear. I wish to know the number of applications which have not been disposed of during these five years—not "most" or "some". What is the number?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: The answer is given in (a): we are not able to get the figures, because all of them have not reported to the various Railway Administrations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He asks about those who have reported.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I will get the information and supply it.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EXPORT OF FOOD GRAINS FROM TRIPURA

7. MUNSHI ARMAN ALI: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food grains exported from Tripura during the last six months;

(b) to which places they were exported; and

(c) what was the average price of rice in Agartala market during July-October 1952?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The average month-end prices of rice in Agartala market during July-October 1952 were as under:—

July, 1952—Rs. 32 per maund.

August, 1952—Rs. 31 per maund.

September, 1952—Rs. 33 per maund.

October, 1952—Rs. 32 per maund.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

8. SHRI M. MANJURAN: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the present figures of unemployment and under-employment in respect of the towns and cities of the country;

(b) the number of fully employed persons;

(c) the figures of unemployment and under-employment in respect of the following categories:—

(i) educated;

(ii) uneducated;

(iii) skilled; and

(iv) unskilled; and

(d) in which industries skilled persons are largely unemployed?

THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI V. V. GIRI): (a) Exact figures of unemployment and under-employment are not available. At the end of December 1952, there were, however, 4,37,571 persons on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges, seeking employment assistance.

(b) Not available.

(c) The information is not available under the categories asked for. An occupational distribution of those on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges at end of December 1952, however, is given below:—

Category	No. on Live Registers
(i) Industrial Supervisory	4,348
(ii) Skilled and Semi-Skilled	46,728
(iii) Clerical	1,15,964
(iv) Educational	6,929
(v) Domestic servants	13,922
(vi) Unskilled workers	2,24,479
(vii) Others.	25,201
Total	4,37,571

(d) No comparative figures are available.

COCOANUT DISEASES AND PESTS

9. SHRI K. C. GEORGE: (a) Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to place on the Table of the Council a report on the working of the various research schemes on control of cocoanut diseases and pests?

(b) What are the results of this research work?

(c) What steps have been taken to make the results of this research available to the cultivators?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI): (a) Investigations on the root and leaf diseases of the cocoanut are carried on at the Central Cocoanut

Research Station, Kayangulam in the Travancore-Cochin State. A report on the work done at the Station during 1951-52 is placed on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 36.]

(b) The following are some of the results so far achieved: (i) Treatment of the Central shoot and the inner whorls of cocoanut palms with Bordeaux mixture or perenox, a copper fungicide, has been found to be efficacious for controlling the leaf disease;

(ii) Spraying of all breeding material with a weak solution of Benzene Hexachloride has been found to be an effective remedy for killing the grubs of the rhinoceros beetle.

(iii) *Nephantis serinopa* (Cocoanut Caterpillar) is controlled by spraying the palms with 2 per cent. D.D.T.

(iv) Control trials with pyrocone E (combination of pyrethrum and peperinyol butoxide) have been found to be a satisfactory remedy against the red palm weevil.

(v) Investigations into the etiology of the root disease are continuing.

(c) The results of research on control of cocoanut diseases and pests are made available to the cultivators through propaganda, demonstrations, publications in regional languages and radio talks.

EMPLOYEES OF THE DELHI TRANSPORT SERVICE

10. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing:

(a) the number of permanent and temporary employees of the Delhi Transport Service under each category;

(b) the scales of pay, allowances and terms and conditions of service of employees referred to in part (a);

(c) the number of employees who have been provided with accommodation and the number of those who are paid house rent in lieu of accommoda-