

STATEMENT

Total quantity of cargo carried in the coastal trade of India and the quantity carried by Indian shipping companies in the adjacent trades during the calendar years 1949 to 1952 (figures relating to financial years are not available.)

(In lakhs of dead weight tons)

	Cargo carried in the coastal trade	*Cargo carried by Indian shipping companies in the adjacent trades
1949 . . .	26.88	5.75
1950 . . .	25.59	5.06
1951 . . .	24.48	7.64
1952 . . .	24.66	6.00

* Information regarding the total quantity of cargo carried by the British and Pakistan Shipping Companies in the adjacent trades is not available and therefore the figures shown above are incomplete.

FOOD STATISTICS

•406. DR. J. P. SRIVASTAVA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the manner in which deficits in foodgrains against which imports were necessitated, have been calculated during the last five years and how this is being done now?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI): Each State has undertaken to supply foodgrains to its rationed population on a certain scale. The difference between what a state can procure from within and what it requires to meet the above commitment is regarded as its surplus or deficit as the case may be. The surplus is made available to the Centre for export to deficit States. The deficit is met either from imports or from surpluses of surplus States. These estimates are scrutinised by the Centre in the light of crop prospects and past experience of procurement offtakes and stocks. The net deficit, taking all the States together, is the quantity that the Centre has to import. This method of calculation is in force since 1946.

ALL-ORISSA POSTAL EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL AGENTS' UNION

*407. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDI: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation was received by Government from the All-Orissa Postal Extra Departmental Agents' Union for the regularisation of the Extra Departmental Agency system; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the said Union does not enjoy the same privileges as other recognised Unions of the Postal Department?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes, a representation has been received for increasing the allowances, and for improving the conditions of service, of Extra Departmental Agents.

(b) It has been recognised as a Circle Union, which it claims to be.

AMOUNT OF MANURE AND FERTILIZERS AND SUBSIDY GIVEN TO THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

•408. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of manure and fertilizers that was given by the Government of India to the Madras Government during the last year;

(b) what is the amount of subsidy for manure and fertilizers that was given to the Madras Government during the same period; and

(c) what is the amount of subsidy proposed to be given to the Madras Government for the current year?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI): (a) The Government of India allot only chemical fertilizers under the Central Fertilizer Pool. The