

Fish Marketing

2231. { Shri K. N. Pande:
Shri Mulchand Dube:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the action Government are taking for improvement of fish marketing and providing of refrigerated communication?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): The State Governments have been advised to set up hygienic fish markets and stalls in important consuming Centres. Technical assistance is also provided for setting up ice and cold storage plants. During the Second Five Year Plan, 50 ice and cold storage plants were set up in various States. During the Third Plan, it is proposed to set up 72 additional ice and cold storage plants in the country.

During the Second Five Year Plan, six refrigerated rail vans were introduced for transport of fish from important producing centres to the consuming centres. It is proposed to introduce 20 more such vans during the Third Plan period.

Rural Creameries

3232. { Shri K. N. Pande:
Shri Mulchand Dube:

Will the minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) when are the rural creameries at Aligarh and Barauni going to start production; and

(b) what would be the production of these creameries?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The rural creameries at Aligarh and Barauni are expected to be commissioned by March, 1963.

(b) The annual production of butter and ghee of the Aligarh creamery will be about 450 Metric tons and that of the Barauni creamery about 350 Metric tons.

Noyyal Scheme in Madras State

3233. { Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:
Shri Arunachalam:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Noyyal Scheme in Tiruchirappally District, Madras State, has been included in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the amount allotted for it; and

(c) when it is likely to be taken up?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Locoshed in Coimbatore

3234. **Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coimbatore Municipal Council has approached the Railway Board through the Madras Government to change the venue of the present locoshed in Coimbatore in view of its nearness to the Government Hospital; and

(b) whether Government propose to shift the locoshed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to shift the locoshed to any other site. The matter has been examined in all its aspects and it has not been found possible to shift the locoshed from its present location.

Plague in Hosur, District Madras

3235. **Shri Raja Ram:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether plague has assumed serious proportions in Hosur, Madras State;