

Seeks particularly the reports which they submit and their verification; and

(b) whether any physical inspection by any outside agency is made concerning the development activities?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The technical and administrative officers of this Ministry during the course of their visits to various blocks make an appraisal of the working of the programme. The Programme Evaluation Organisation carries out evaluation in the field as an independent body.

### Rice

**\*306. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government acting as agent of the Government of India for procuring one lakh ton of rice in Punjab banned the export of rice in October, 1957 to lower its price; and

(b) whether it is a fact that by such ban, the price of Rice came down from Rs. 19/20 to Rs. 12/13?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) A ban on the export of Rice/Paddy from Punjab was imposed by the Government of India with effect from 30-9-1957 to ensure that the stocks of rice/paddy in Punjab remain available for procurement by the Punjab Government on behalf of the Government of India.

(b) After the harvest, prices of foodgrains come down as a general rule. This year also the price of rice in Punjab has recorded a decrease recently. In order to ensure a reasonable price for the grower and to purchase suitable quantities of rice, the Government have offered to purchase dara rice at Rs. 16/8/- per maund and Begmi at Rs. 18/- per maund bagged grain.

### Railway Second Five Year Plan

**\*307. Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what approximate amount of foreign exchange is required for the fulfilment of the Second Plan target for Railways and what amount is likely to be available as a result of negotiations abroad during the Plan period; and.

(b) what is the total expenditure in the Railways Second Plan allocated for the benefit of Railway Staff including buildings, waterworks, emoluments and other amenities?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) In all about Rs. 425 crores will be required. It is premature, at this stage, to assess how much foreign exchange will be available through negotiations abroad during the Plan period.

(b) The Plan outlay for staff quarters and staff welfare is Rs. 50 crores. Emoluments of staff mainly form a part of ordinary working expenses and do not affect Plan outlay.

### Fishing Industry in Kerala State

**\*308. Shri Kottayan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have submitted any scheme to the Central Government to organise fishing industry in the State on co-operative basis;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme; and

(c) the nature and extent of financial aid sought for by the State to implement the scheme?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No;

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