

actually pursuing it. As a matter of fact, by the end of the period of the Plan we propose to complete this scheme.

#### SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS

**\*2002. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank in the year 1953-54 as far as available; and

(b) how it compares with the figures for the same period of the previous year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The approximate gross amount of deposits during 1953-54 was Rs. 1,11,55,51,000 as against Rs. 1,09,40,85,000 during 1952-53.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know, Sir, if the Postal Department is taking any additional measures to step up postal savings deposits?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The Postal Department functions as an agency of the Ministry of Finance in this respect. They do take certain steps.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know, Sir, if any particular drive is being carried out to raise these deposits in the rural areas of India?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That again is not a function of this Ministry.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि मंत्रालय की नीति ग्रामों के ग्रथिक से ग्रथिक पोस्ट ग्रथिकसेज म सेविंग बैंक की सुविधा प्रदान करने की है, उसके मातहत पिछले ग्रथिक वर्ष में कितने ग्रामों के डाक घरों को यह सुविधा दी गयी है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** मैं संख्या तो नहीं बतला सकता, लेकिन उत्तरोत्तर हमारी चेष्टा है कि हम इस सुविधा को उनको प्रदान करें।

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Is there any proposal to allow withdrawal from the Savings Bank account twice a week instead of once a week as it obtains at present?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is under consideration.

**श्री के० सी० सोबिवा :** ग्रथक डापार्टमेंट फ्राइनेंस डापार्टमेंट से कितना पैसा पाता है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** मैं सम्पत्ति नहीं बतला सकता ।

#### CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CUTTACK

**\*2003. Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any practical training is being imparted to agriculturists in modern methods of agriculture at the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack;

(b) if so, the number of agriculturists who received training in 1953; and

(c) what expenditure was incurred for this purpose during the above period?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) 14.

(c) Rs. 357.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether such training will be given every year to agriculturists?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I think it will be continued.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether the cost of training will be borne by the Central Government or the State Governments?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is no cost beyond Rs. 357, which was the cost incurred on the mid-day meals to the farmers who were attending.