

(c) what is the value of the stamps sold upto the 30th July, 1954; and

(d) whether these stamps will be exchangeable with the National Savings Certificates of equivalent value?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) National Savings Stamps are sold at the counters of Post Offices as postal stationery and no record of the sales is maintained in Post Offices.

(b) The stamps are stocked at all Post Offices in all the States.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Yes, for purchase of Certificates of Rs. 5/- and 10/- denominations by surrender of equivalent value of stamps.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि ईहाता में नेशनल सेविंग्स स्टाम्प को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए और उन्हें उसी कीमत में नेशनल सेविंग्स सर्टिफिकेट्स से बदलने के लिए क्या क्या कार्रवाई की गयी है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : पहले नेशनल सेविंग्स स्टाम्प केवल उन डाकखानों में मिलते थे जहाँ कि सेविंग्स बैंक का काम भी चलता था। अब ईहाता में यह आसानी से मिल सकें इसीलिये अब यह किया गया है कि हर एक डाकखाने में बिला लिहाज इसके कि वहाँ सेविंग्स बैंक का काम होता है या नहीं इन स्टाम्प के मिलने की सुविधा कर दी गयी है और साथ ही जो सर्टिफिकेट्स दिये जाते हैं, उनके मिलने की भी सुविधा है।

श्री भक्त वरुण : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि किस पोस्टल सर्किल में अब तक इस सम्बन्ध में सब से अधिक सफलता मिली है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जैसा मैं ने बताया इनका कोई अलग हिस्सा नहीं रखा जाता। कायदा यह है कि खजाने से हैंड पोस्ट आफिसज स्टाम्प

खरीदते हैं, आन पमेंट और फिर हैंड आफिस सब आफिसज और बांच आफिसज को दते हैं। इन डाकखानों में जैसे और स्टाम्प मिलते हैं वैसे ही ये स्टाम्प भी मिलते हैं।

दानेदार चीनी

*३४७. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या लाघ तथा कृषि मंत्री १० मई, १९५४ को पूछे गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २३४१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन राज्यों में दानेदार चीनी कुटीर उद्योग के आधार पर तैयार की जा रही है; और

(ख) दानेदार चीनी के निर्माण में काम में लाई जाने वाली मशीन का मूल्य क्या है ?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarker): (a) Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Hyderabad.

(b) The cost of crystallizer depends upon its working capacity. A crystallizer of a capacity of 60 maunds per day, costs about Rs. 500/-.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस मशीन से गन्ने से चीनी बनाने में चीनी का कितना परसेंटज आता है।

श्री करमरकर : मुझे नोटिस चाहिए।

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह मशीन कहाँ पर मिल सकेगी ?

श्री करमरकर : आप ए० पी० गवर्नमेंट के पास तलाश कीजिये।

Mr. Speaker: Next Question: Pandit D. N. Tiwary.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: 348.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahmawaz Khan): Questions

348 and 358 are the same. May I answer them together?

Mr. Speaker: Question 358 is by Shri Bishwanath Roy. Yes.

CRIMES ON RAILWAYS

***348. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether an armed robbery was committed in a railway van of 312-Down (N. E. Railway) between Saral and Bhagwanpur stations on the 5th June, 1954;

(b) whether any one was apprehended; and

(c) the loss caused to Government property?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Out of 27 mail bags opened by the miscreants, one parcel containing a watch costing Rs. 35/- and another containing a Government currency note worth Rs. 5/- were stolen.

DACOITY ON N. E. RAILWAY

***358. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that armed men looted mail bags containing insured covers from the Lucknow Katihar passenger train of North Eastern Railway in the first week of June last; and

(b) if so, whether any R.M.S. employee was seriously injured by the armed robbers?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The R.M.S. employee was stabbed by knife, admitted in the hospital on 5-6-1954 and discharged on recovery on 11-6-1954.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether any Railway Protection Force was running in that train?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: At that time, there was no Railway protection Police in the train.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether in every passenger train, Railway Protection Police works or not?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No. We do not have that number of Railway Protection Police. Only very important passenger trains, mail trains and goods trains carrying important materials have Protection Police.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know whether the Government have got any information to the effect that any political group was connected in any way with the robbery?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No such thing has come to the notice of the Government.

GROW MORE FOOD SCHEMES

***349. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) when Government propose to close the "Grow-More-Food Campaign" in the country and to stop further grants and aids to the States in view of the satisfactory position of the foodgrains;

(b) the money spent so far by the Central Government on this campaign upto August 1954; and

(c) how many States are at present self-sufficient in foodgrains and how many still need assistance?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Grow More Food schemes now form part of the Development Plans of different States under the First Five Year Plan. As such, the question of winding up the Grow More Food campaign does not arise

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Central Government from 1943-44