

(b) Government understand that one of the officials of the Federation has been sent.

DEEP-SEA FISHING IN ANDHRA

*386. **Shri Buchhikotalah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been made and any financial assistance has been sought by the Government of Andhra for development of deep-sea fisheries in that State; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RAILWAY BRIDGES

*387. **Shri C. R. Iyyanni:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridge works at Alwaye and Edacochi in Travancore-Cochin State have been started; and

(b) if so, how far they have progressed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Actual construction has not yet been started. Both the bridges required elaborate preliminary investigations, which have almost been completed and the preparation of detailed plans and estimates has been taken up.

NEW LINES FOR THE SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

*388. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected the new Railway Lines that will be taken up in the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the Lines proposed to be constructed; and

(c) by what time Government are likely to come to a decision in the

matter in case no decision has yet been taken?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sometime next year.

PHILATELIC AND POSTAGE STAMP CENTENARY

*389. { **Dr. Rama Rao:**
Shri Veeraswamy:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the total budgeted and estimated expenditure for the forthcoming "Philatelic and Postage Centenary"?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The budgeted as well as the estimated expenditure for the India Postage Stamp Centenary Celebrations is Rs. 10 lakhs.

LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF FERTILIZE

*390. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab State have approached the Central Government for a loan for the purchase of fertilizers in 1954; and

(b) if so, the amount of loan sanctioned?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes

(b) Rs. 65,66,175/-

RAILWAY CATERING

*391. { **Shri Dabhi:**
Shri Namblar:
Ch. Raghubir Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-Committee appointed to examine the catering contract system on railways has completed its examination;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) when they are likely to be implemented?