

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for these schemes during the year 1954-55; and

(c) what is their number?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1000.29 lakhs as loan.

(c) Thirteen.

COASTAL FISHING

***657. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any financial assistance for improving coastal fishing during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the extent of such assistance given to each of the maritime States?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Yes.

(b) The following grants were made under the Grow More Food Schemes:—

	Rs.
Bombay	49,000
Madras	1,68,000
Saurashtra	16,000
Travancore-Cochin	25,000

In case of Travancore-Cochin the Government of India also contributed Rs. 73,938, being 50 per cent. of the internal expenditure in respect of the Norwegian Aid Programme.

EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE SCHEME

***658. Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been enforced in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the total number of workers coming under the Scheme;

(c) how many establishments have been given exemption; and

(d) how many workers are involved in these exempted industries?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) Not yet.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

***666. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government during 1954 to develop tourist traffic in India; and

(b) whether there are any new schemes therefor under consideration of Government?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The steps so far taken by Government during 1954 *inter alia* include (i) opening of new tourist offices at Bangalore, Aurangabad, Simla, Ootacamund and Darjeeling and the provision of special staff in Ceylon and Australia to look after publicity matters and to give information to tourist about India, (ii) provision of rail-cum-road and rail-cum-air concessions for visitors to Kashmir, (iii) participation in the British Industries Fair held in London in May 1954 and Lausanna Exhibition in September 1954, (v) improvement of communications etc. to Ajanta-Ellora, (v) Guides Training Schemes, (vi) subsidies to State Governments, and (vii) bringing out new publicity literature.

(b) The State Governments were requested to make a detailed survey of the tourists centres in their regions and to indicate to the Central Government the improvements that are required to be effected in the near future. On receipt of recommendations by the State Governments, the position will be examined, for the purpose of preparing a co-ordinated scheme.