

Shri Alagesan: I do not remember it and cannot describe the condition of this thousand and odd miles of National Highway between Calcutta and Madras. I should like to have notice.

DEVELOPMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS FACILITIES, ORISSA

*848. **Shri Niranjan Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 968 on the 30th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been arrived at in the matter of development of the Posts and Telegraphs Department in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decisions taken?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The memorandum from the Oriya Peoples' Association raises a number of issues, involving administrative and financial implications, the examination of which will take time.

A statement indicating the progress in regard to each point is however laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 6.]

DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES

*850. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been implemented for developing the fishing industry on the East and West Coasts of India;

(b) if so, the nature of the schemes and the results achieved; and

(c) the amount spent on the implementation of such schemes?

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

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 7.]

(c) The amount spent by State Governments is not known. Since 1952, the Central Government have, however, spent or provided under 539 L.S.D.

their G.M.F. campaign and foreign aid programmes, a sum of approximately Rs. 100 lakhs for the development of coastal fisheries.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether there is any possibility or constructing safe fishing harbours at river mouths on the east coast?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think the possibilities have been considered.

Dr. Rama Rao: Is it a fact that an amount of Rs. 35 lakhs for the development of fisheries in the east coast of Andhra have been diverted elsewhere and, if so, what are the reasons?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I want notice.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that Marketing Advisory Committees and Fishery Advisory Councils have been constituted in every State but not in Madras and, if so, why?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I want notice of the question.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether in drawing up a programme for the development of fisheries, the Government have set for themselves a target for increase in the *per capita* consumption of the country and may I know whether schemes are thought of and implemented on any such basis?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think we have fixed any target for consumption. Naturally, whatever steps we take are bound to increase the supply and, to that extent, there will be improvement.

Shri Kelappan: In view of the fact that fishing is not possible for two or three months during the monsoon due to rough seas, have the Government made any provision to make fishing possible during these months?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not know what exactly is done but I hope the mechanisation of the fishing boats probably helps to a certain extent.