

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** It is hoped that they will be as simple as possible, but certain technical terms are not very simple anyhow.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES

**\*1860. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether the U.S. Government has allocated some grants for the development of fisheries in this country?

(b) If so, what is the total amount of money allocated for this purpose?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of \$ 2,462,000 has been allocated by the U. S. Government and about Rs. 69 lakhs by the Governments in India for this purpose. A copy of the Operational Agreement No. 5 in regard to this project was laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 713 on the 11th June, 1952.

##### बैंकों का निरीक्षण

**\*१८६३. सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या वित्त मंत्री उन अनुसूचित बैंकों की संख्या बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे जिन का १९५१-५२ में रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा निरीक्षण किया गया और नियमों का पालन न करने वाले बैंकों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गयी ?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** Forty-one scheduled banks were inspected by the Reserve Bank of India under various sections of the Banking Companies Act, 1949 during the financial year 1951-52. Minor defects were brought to the notice of the banks who were asked to rectify them. In the case of other irregularities, explanations of the banks were called for to enable the Reserve Bank to consider the action to be taken. No penal action has so far been taken in the case of any of these banks.

##### रिज़र्व बैंक के परिपत्र

**\*१८६४. सेठ गोविन्ददास :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा मार्च १९५२ में अनुसूचित बैंकों के नाम निकाले गये ऐसे परिपत्रों की संख्या जिन में ऋण और अग्रिम धन के बारे में निश्चित की गई हो या उस में परिवर्तन किये गये हों;

(ख) बाज़ार में मंदी आदि लाने में इन पत्रों का कितना हाथ है ?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) No such circular was issued by the Reserve Bank of India in March 1952.

(b) Does not arise.

##### MECHANISATION OF PROVIDENT FUND ACCOUNTS

**\*1866. Shri N. S. Nair:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chaotic state of the Provident Fund Accounts disclosed at page 33 of the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee or the Accounts of 1948-49 has since been set right;

(b) whether all or any portion of it was due to mechanisation of accounts; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent such mistakes in future?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) As a result of various special measures taken by the Comptroller and Auditor General, the position has now greatly improved.

(b) The deterioration was due to a variety of causes, including failures in the offices drawing salary bills, and the confusion caused by the partition of India. The use of machines for accounting was also a contributory cause in some places.

(c) The troubles arising from the machines were that these often went out of order, and the dearth of spare parts combined with the lack of quick attention by mechanical experts caused frequent halts in work leading to arrears. The number of trained operators needed for the job was also not in adequate supply. The staff of mechanists has since been strengthened; additional machines have been purchased; better arrangements have been made to effect repairs, when necessary; and steps have been taken to train the staff to operate the machines. Improved methods of work have also been introduced.