

FISH INDUSTRY

*218. **Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what quantity of fish has been exported so far from India during the current year and to which countries?

(b) What form of foreign assistance has been received for the development of fish industry during the last two years and what more is expected in this year and the succeeding one year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The information is not available and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

(b) During the last two years the Government of India did not get any foreign assistance for the development of the fish industry. Under the Indo-U.S. Operational Agreement No. 5 however, we expect to spend in the next two years about 24,62,000 dollars for the expansion and modernisation of marine fisheries. This will include purchase of machinery and recruitment of Technicians.

MEERUT-LUCKNOW TRAIN

*219. **Shri K. R. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been made to Government for providing additional accommodation of upper classes and for the addition of third class compartments to the Meerut-Lucknow train on the Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide such additional accommodation and third class compartments there?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No representations appear to have been received for provision of additional upper class accommodation on the existing upper class through service carriage between Meerut and Lucknow, but representation has been received for the provision of an additional third class through service carriage between Meerut City and Lucknow via Ghaziabad.

(b) One third class through service carriage is already running between Meerut City and Lucknow from 1st October, 1952. Due to non-availability of train room, it is, however, not feasible to arrange for an additional through service carriage as asked for.

PURCHASE OF CABLES

54. **Dr. Amin:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity in length of telegraph cables purchased by the Government of India during the years 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 (upto July);

(b) the price at which these cables were purchased and the names of the countries from which they were purchased, showing separately the quantity in length and value in rupees from each country; and

(c) whether these cables were purchased directly or through agents and if purchased through agents the names of these agents and the percentage of commission allowed to them?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement giving the lengths and value of telegraph cables purchased during the years from each country is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 48].

(c) All the cables except a few were purchased through the Director-General, Supplies and Disposals who obtained them by calling for tenders. In almost all cases, orders were placed on local agents of foreign manufacturers. The question of payment of any commission does not therefore arise.

PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

55. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the final estimate of production of foodgrains during 1951-52 has been completed?

(b) If so, what has been the production of different varieties of foodgrains in different States?

(c) Have targets fixed for States been reached?

(d) To what extent has the total production fallen short of the total target?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 49].

(c) and (d). It is difficult to say at this stage as to how far the additional production targets fixed for the