

(b) whether sanction for prosecution of the said officer was sought for, after investigation, by the Special Police, Government of India;

(c) whether it is a fact that a departmental inquiry was ordered instead and has recently been concluded;

(d) whether the said officer was under suspension during the pendency of the inquiry; and

(e) the action that is being taken by Government on the findings so far made?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) to (c). Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Enquiry Officer held that the Deputy Shipping Master, Calcutta, did not commit any misconduct as a public servant either in respect of payment of Post-war Credit money, or in connection with the drawal of overtime fees by himself and other officers and clerks of the Shipping Office, and recommended that no action should be taken against him. The findings and recommendations of the Enquiry Officer have been accepted by the Government of India and orders issued to that effect. Orders have also been issued overhauling the system of payment of overtime fees.

#### FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE BANK

**\*1105. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Farmers' Co-operative Bank in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India have approached the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the reactions of the State Governments in the matter?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) A very tentative proposal for constituting a National

Trust for farmers, instead of a Farmers' Bank was mooted at the conference of the State Ministers of Agriculture, Co-operation etc. and some selected farmers, held at Srinagar in July, 1954. The suggestion is being examined.

(b) Not yet, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### TELEGRAPHIC CONNECTION IN ORISSA POST OFFICES

**512. Shri K. C. Jena:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the State of Orissa provided with telegraph facilities during 1953 and upto 31st August, 1954; and

(b) the number of the post offices in that State which have yet to be provided with telegraph facilities during 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Five in 1953.

Ten from 1st January 1954 to 31st August 1954.

(b) Forty-seven.

#### ANTI-MALARIA OPERATIONS IN THE PUNJAB

**513. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) in which district of the Punjab the spraying of D.D.T. and other anti-malarial operations have been conducted; and

(b) the number of villages covered so far under the anti-malarial campaign and the quantity of D.D.T. sprayed there?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Four malaria control units were deployed in the following districts of the Punjab, during 1953-54:

1. Gurgaon.

2. Rohtak (Gohana and Sonapat tehsils only).