

(a) how far the target set in the Second Plan for the export of fruits and fruit products has been realised so far; and

(b) the nature and quantum of total financial aid so far given under the Second Five Year Plan to the Fruit Preservation Industry by Government?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b). No target for the export of fruits has been fixed under the Second Five Year Plan.

The exports of fruit products during 1957 are estimated to be 1760 tons valued at about Rs. 31,13,500 as against the target of 11,000 tons to be achieved by 1960-61.

The financial assistance given to the industry is indicated below:—

1. Loan Rs. 16:19 lakhs.
2. Subsidy of Rs. 1,81,600 (upto 15-10-1958) on tinplates used for the manufacture of open top sanitary cans for fruit products.

#### Fish Yield

1131. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to the fish yield from the reservoirs of the River Valley Projects; and

(b) the steps taken to increase such yield?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Information available shows that fish production in some of the large reservoirs of the River Valley Projects during 1956-57 was about 3095 tons.

(b) Steps have been taken for increasing production in the D.V.C. reservoirs by stocking operations.

#### Prices of Fish in Calcutta Market

1132. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Central Government's responsibility to supply

foodgrains to meet the full requirements of Calcutta city, the Government of India have taken any positive steps to bring down the prices of fish in the Calcutta market; and

(b) if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) The regulation of marketing and prices is the responsibility of State Government. The Government of India have assisted the State Government in the following ways:—

- (i) A detailed survey on the subject of marketing of fish in Calcutta has been made available,
- (ii) Steps have been taken to augment supplies from Orissa and other States besides imports from East Pakistan,
- (iii) Fish production programmes undertaken by the State Government are given financial assistance as a part of the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) The above steps have an indirect bearing on prices of fish in Calcutta but there may be many other relevant factors.

#### Damage due to Floods on Southern Railway

1133. **Shri Nagi Reddy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total mileage of Railway lines washed away and the number of Railway bridges damaged in Southern Railway in the months of September and October, 1958 as a result of floods;

(b) the places and the period for which Railway traffic was consequently dislocated; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the repairs?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) In all about 1450 feet of Railway track was breached and 4 bridges damaged.