

Package Schemes in Kerala

1714. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**
Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allotment has been made to implement package schemes in Kerala State;

(b) if so, what is the amount;

(c) whether the entire amount has been utilised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food & Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 150 lakhs for five years including Rs. 36 lakhs for 1962-63.

(c) No.

(d) Palghat and Alleppy districts, which have been selected for the implementation of the package scheme in Kerala, are still in the preparatory stage and the programme is to be launched in the field from Kharif, 1962.

Loss of Insured Cover

1715. **Shri D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that much delay occurs in settling the claims of those whose money orders and insured covers are lost;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a cover insured for Rs. 3,300 at Dhurbi Bazar Post Office and addressed to Shri Bepatsah Turha (receipt No. 149 dated the 21st February, 1961) was missing but the insurer has not so far got the amount back?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri M. Bhagavati): (a) Some delay in the settlement of such claims does occur.

(b) Investigations into the facts of loss or misappropriation have to be made and sometimes settlement of claim has to await the decision of the Court in the prosecution case.

(c) Yes Sir. The claimant has been moving from place to place and has not replied to the references addressed to him. He has not even produced the receipt granted to him.

Postmen in H.P. and J. & K.

1716. { **Bakshi Abdul Rashid:**
Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postmen working in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir State posted in urban and rural areas respectively;

(b) their salaries and allowances;

(c) whether they are entitled to any other concessions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a):—

Himachal Pradesh :■

No. of postmen—Urban 33

No. of postmen—Rural 65

Jammu and Kashmir State :

No. of Postmen—Urban 141

No. of Postmen—Rural 87

(b) Rs. 75—1—85—E.B.—2—95 plus Dearness Allowance @ Rs. 15 p.m.

(c) and (d). Yes, in specified areas at specified rates. Details are given in the Statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 96].

Push-Button System in Ladies Compartment

1717. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Push-button system in ladies compartments in passenger and