

able rate of interest and any interest payable above 3 per cent per annum should be borne by the Shipping Development Fund Committee.

Small Saving Scheme

1224. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state the total amount of deposits in the different Post Offices of district Deoria (U.P.) under the scheme of small savings drive till 31st January, 1964?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): The total amount of deposits in various investments made in Deoria Head Post Office and Post Offices under this Head Post Office from 1st April, 1963 to 31st January, 1964 is Rs. 80,14,576.

Price Support for Spices

1225. Shri Kappen: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give price support for spices; and

(b) whether a spices market centre is proposed to be opened at Ernakulam?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). The Government have, as a price support measure, authorised the Directorate of Cardamom Development and Marketing, Bangalore, to purchase cardamoms, covered by the Export Price Control, from the certified growers and growers' co-operative societies, if and when the prices in the open market tend to fall well below its minimum export price.

As regards other spices, Government have no proposal for price support.

Golden Rock Tools and Plant Depot

1226. Shri Nambiar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish an engineering workshop in Golden Rock (S. Railway) comprising of the R. C. C. Depot and the Tools and Plant Depot, in view of the growing needs of the Railway;

(b) whether the production targets of the R. C. C. Depot are being achieved; and

(c) the steps being taken to raise the Depot to the level of the requirements of the reinforced cement concrete articles for the Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is no proposal to establish an additional R. C. C. Depot and Tools and Plant Depot at Golden Rock.

(b) and (c). The present requirements are being met satisfactorily by the existing Depot, and no expansion is considered necessary.

B. G. Line from Samastipur to Muzaffarpur

1227. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct a broad gauge railway line from Samastipur to Muzaffarpur (N.E.R.);

(b) if so, when it will be constructed; and

(c) the total cost of this construction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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१२२८. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १५ जनवरी, १९६४ की रात को कुछ व्यक्तियों ने एम०