

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.

मालगाड़ी को लूटना

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

झार० मालगाड़ी को बीसलपुर और निरुथरु कटरा स्टेशनों के बीच वरेली (उत्तर प्रदेश) के निकट रोका और कुछ डिब्बों से माल लूट लिया;

(ख) यदि हां, तो लूटे गये माल का मूल्य क्या है; और

(ग) इस बारे में सरकार क्या कार्य-वाही कर रही है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) (क) १५-१-१९६४ को इस तरह की कोई घटना नहीं हुई। लेकिन १२-१-१९६४ को उत्तर रेलवे के विलपुर और मीरतपुर कटरा स्टेशनों के बीच (न कि बीसलपुर और निरुथरु कटरा के बीच) श्रमिकों द्वारा चलती गाड़ी में एक माल डिब्बे से माल चुराये जाने की रिपोर्ट मिली।

(ख) ८५ रुपये।

(ग) गाड़ी में रेल सुरक्षा दल के कर्मचारियों का पहरा था। गार्ड के ललकारने पर अपराधी भाग गये।

Sinking of Dredger

1229. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dredger "Pawan Kumar" sank in December, 1963 near Dwarka, off the Saurashtra Coast, while on its way to Okha;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount of loss?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pontoon dredger, constructed of wood, sank as a result of water entering the hull during the unexpected onset of adverse weather conditions.

(c) Rs. 2 lakhs approximately.

All Party Forum on Panchayati Raj

1230. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up All Party Forum on Panchayati Raj in the country; and

(b) if so, when it will be formed and what will be its functions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) and (b). A proposal to create a consultative council on Panchayati Raj is under active consideration, but political parties as such will have no representation on it.

Industrial Workers of P. and T. Department

1231. Shri Shashi Ranjan: Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state whether the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission in respect of industrial workers of the Posts and Telegraphs Department have been fully implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): The recommendations of the Second Pay Commission, as accepted by the Government, have been implemented excepting—

(i) pension scheme, and

(ii) Machinery for Negotiation and settlement of disputes, which are being processed.

G.T. Road

1232. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government took decision in 1962 to expand the roads including G.T. Road in Jharia Coalfields, so as to facilitate the transport of heavy trucks carrying coal to the outlying regions;