

these are under consideration. Refrigeration facilities have been provided and mechanized fishing is also being developed. Vessels of the Central Deep Sea Fishing Organisation are stationed at Visakhapatnam and are carrying out surveys to locate and assess fishery resources.

(c) The project at Visakhapatnam, as tentatively drawn up, is estimated to cost Rs. 200 lakhs, inclusive of the cost of the harbour, shore facilities, vessels and other equipment. The entire cost will be borne by India, as the assistance expected from the World Bank would be in the form of loans covering foreign exchange requirements. It is envisaged that investment in various aspects of such projects will be made by the Central and State Government as well as the Co-operative and private sectors.

(d) It is estimated that the introduction of a deep sea fishing industry at Visakhapatnam on the lines envisaged in the project would give employment to about 250 fishermen. This project in accordance with the tentative plan would produce 8,000 tonnes of marine fish which would lead to establishment of shore based industries for preservation and processing as well as export.

**MISAPPROPRIATION OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT BY SUB-POST MASTER AT ULAGAN PATTI**

3956. SHRI KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 2,715 of Savings Account has been misappropriated by the Sub-Post Master at Ulagan Patti Sub-Post Office in Ramana-thapuram District, Madras State;

(b) if so, the action taken against him;

(c) whether the amount has been refunded to the parties; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :**

(a) Yes. The Sub-Post Master of

Ulagampatti S.A. committed S.B. frauds to the tune of Rs. 3,115/- in 1966.

(b) The SPM has been convicted and sentenced to undergo 5 years R.I. with different amounts of fine by a Court of law. He has also been dismissed from service.

(c) and (d). The claims of all the defrauded depositors have been settled.

**JEEP CARS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS**

3957. SHRI KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all Jeep cars provided for Community Development Blocks are in the condemned stage;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allot new Jeep cars or any amount for the purpose; and

(c) if so, their number and the allocation of funds for each State ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :** (a) No such reports have been received from the State Governments.

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

**BRANCH AND SUB-POST OFFICES IN INDIA**

3958. SHRI KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices opened all over India in 1967-68, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of profit and loss incurred by these newly opened Post Offices ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :**

(a) 2565 Branch Post Offices and 227