

(ख) कुल कितने मील लम्बी सड़कें बनाई गई हैं; और

(ग) दूसरी पंचवर्षिय योजना में सड़कें बनाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राजस्थान को कितना अनुदान व ऋण दिया है अथवा देने का विचार है ?

परिग्रहण तथा संख. र मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : जो सूचना मांगी गई है वह एकत्रित की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा की भेज पर रख दी जायेगी।

श्री प० लाल बालुगल : बीकानेर से पूंगल एवं अनूपगढ़ तथा रायसीनगर से अनूपगढ़ जो कच्ची सड़कें हैं और जहां पर मिलिटरी की ट्रकें चलती हैं उनको पक्का करने के लिये तथा उनकी हागत सुधारने के लिये क्या सरकार कोई कदम उठा रही है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : राज्य सरकार के अधीन जी सड़कें हैं, उनको बनाने तथा उनको मेनटेन करने की पूरी जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकार की है और यह प्रश्न राज्य सरकार से किया जा सकता है और किया जाना चाहिये।

Development of Fisheries

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

(a) the extent of Central aid given to the erstwhile Travancore-Cochin State under the First and Second Five Year Plans before the formation of Kerala State and to the Kerala State since its formation for the development of fisheries; and

(b) the Central financial aid sought for by the Kerala State for the development of fisheries in the Second Plan and the amount allotted?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 32.]

Shri V. P. Nayar: I want to know whether in making grants and loans, Government have made any specific grant or loan for the development of deep sea fisheries off the coast of Kerala?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes, for the development of deep sea fishing also, a provision has been made.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government of India have made any special study of the possibilities for the commercial exploitation of an area known as Wadge Bank off the coast of Kerala?

Shri A. M. Thomas: That has been a stock question of my hon. friend.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What is his stock answer?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have looked into this matter. I find that the programme of mechanisation of fishing boats in the region of Cape Comerin-Kullachil will lead to the proper exploitation of the fishery resources in the Wadge Bank area also. There is some difficulty in exploiting the resources in the Wadge Bank area: we are not in a position to procure larger fishing vessels.

Dr. K. B. Menon: In view of the fact that the fisheries in the Malabar coast are one of the best in the world and decidedly the best in India, will Government consider establishing a Fisheries College and a connected Research Institute there?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There is a fisheries training centre at Cochin. At present, there is no scheme to start another in Malabar, but items costing about Rs. 23,97,000 are included in the Second Plan for the Malabar coast.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister has said that the difficulty in developing the Wadge Bank area is in

procuring bigger vessels. I want to know whether Government have all the detailed information required for the development of the Bank.

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have not got detailed information, but the available information, indicates that there are possibilities of exploiting that area.

Shri Kodiyan: May I know whether, in view of the importance of fisheries in the Kerala State which is deficit in food, the Central Government will give any special assistance for the development of fisheries there from funds for additional food production?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is under the G.M.F. scheme that provision is made as is contemplated in the question put by my hon. friend. For development of fisheries we provided for Rs. 5 crores and odd in the First Plan. In the Second Five Year Plan, we have provided for Rs. 12 crores and, I think, within the overall allotment it may be possible to provide for schemes in the Kerala areas also.

Shri Feroze Gandhi: Invariably small fish is being caught. Is there any proposal to get big fish?

Mr. Speaker: No, no.

The Deputy Minister for Food (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Generally, in our nets, big fish are caught because it is deep-sea fishing.

Government Agricultural Farms

*303. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production per acre on the Central Government farms, especially in respect of Sugarcane and Wheat; and

(b) the percentage cost on account of irrigation in the total cost?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). In the mechanised farm at Nandpur (Jammu), the cost of cultivation per acre of the principal crops during

1955-56, for which it has been worked out, was as follows:—

Paddy	.. Rs. 130.18
Wheat	.. Rs. 59.50
Gram	.. Rs. 36.66
Barley	.. Rs. 31.97

No sugarcane was cultivated. The cost of irrigation in the total cost per acre of paddy worked out to 16.7 per cent. In the case of wheat and other rabi crops, no irrigation could be given due to closure of canals in the area.

Shri Shivananajappa: May I know the yield per acre of sugarcane?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No sugarcane was cultivated in this farm. The question refers to the Central Government farms.

Kalighat-Falta Railway

*304. **Shri Biren Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any alternative means of communication apart from a few buses is being planned to serve the needs of villages surrounding an area of 300 square miles south of the Municipal area of Behala (South Calcutta) consequent on the stoppage of the Kalighat-Falta Railway; and

(b) what action has been taken on public representations by the General Manager; South Eastern Railway to keep the big open area South-East of the Gholeshahapur Station (so long used as a public play-ground and park in the Behala Municipal Area) as a play-ground or to hand it over for maintenance as such to the South Suburban Municipality?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) the augmented and improved road services in the area covered by the Kalighat-Falta Railway provide the necessary alternative means of com-