

accommodation would be allotted as and when opportunity occurs keeping, of course, in view the demand of other staff as well.

DEEP-SEA FISHING

***961. Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiments in deep-sea fishing have proved profitable; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes, in providing information about fishing grounds, fishing gears and training of personnel.

(b) Does not arise.

RENT OF RAILWAY QUARTERS

***964. Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway workers at Hubli have protested against the increase in house rent;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to redress their grievances?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The increase in the rents was due to the introduction of a uniform system for the whole of the Southern Railway on the same basis as exists on other Government Railways.

(c) It has been decided to give effect to the increase in rent in four half yearly instalments commencing from 1-10-53. In no case is rent recoverable in excess of 10 per cent. of the emoluments of an employee.

PALAR BRIDGE

***977. Shri Kachiroyar:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of an overbridge on the river Palar (Madras State) between Ranipet and Arcot has been included in the Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure that is proposed to be incurred in this connection; and

(c) when the work is to be started and when it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 21.00 lakhs roughly.

(c) The work is expected to be started during 1954-55 and completed within two to three years.

टेलीग्राफ तार की चोरी

***९८६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५३ में कितनी टेलीग्राफ तार चुराई गई और उसका मूल्य कितना था; और

(ख) इस चोरी के कितने मामले पकड़े गये और कितने चालान किये गये ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a)

Quantity 257,738 lbs.

Value Rs. 8,41,205

(b) Detected 3,689

Challaned 80 cases.

OVERTIME ALLOWANCE FOR POSTAL STAFF

***987. Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some categories of postal employees are obliged to work on postal holidays; and