

(ख) अब तक सरकार ने इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, only the value of nine bogus money orders amounting to Rs. 2219-7-0 purported to have been issued from Chandni Chowk Delhi and Meerut City Post Offices was paid in March 1953 from Dhanbad Head Office.

(b) The matter is still under Police enquiry.

GROW MORE FOOD SCHEME (LOAN)

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

(a) the total amount given as loan for the year 1953-54 to the Travancore-Cochin Government under the "Grow More Food" Scheme; and

(b) the amount asked for by that State Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Rs. 6,90,750/- has been sanctioned so far. The question of sanctioning a further loan of Rs. 20 lakhs is under consideration.

(b) Rs. 27,50,000/-.

BANANAS

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

(a) the total quantity of Bananas (plantains) produced in India during the years 1950-51, 1951-52, and 1952-53; and

(b) the quantity of Bananas (plantains) estimated to have become unfit for consumption due to decay during the said period?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) 2.127 million tons in 1950-51 and 1.83 million tons in 1951-52. Figures for 1952-53 are not yet available.

(b) Government has no information.

FISH

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

(a) the present estimated annual catch of fish from (i) marine, (ii) estuarine, (iii) riverine and (iv) other fresh water sources in India;

(b) the estimated quantity of fish consumed as human food;

(c) the estimated quantity of fish used as manure; and

(d) the estimated quantity of fish rendered unfit for human consumption due to decay on account of lack of proper storage and transport facilities?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) No separate statistics regarding production of fish from different sources are available. However, computed figures of total landings of marine fish and estimates of marketable surplus of inland fish are given below in metric tons:—

	Marine fish	Marketable surplus of inland fish	Total
1949	3,81,400	1,55,900	5,37,300
1950	5,60,400	2,38,600	7,99,000
1951	5,29,800	2,04,500	7,34,300
1952	4,97,300	2,03,100	* 7,00,000

The estimates of marketable surplus of inland fish include those of estuarine, riverine and other fresh water sources.

(b) 92 per cent. of the total production.

(c) 6.6 per cent. of the total production.

(d) 1.4 per cent. of the total production.

VASAD KATHANA LINE

43. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Railway staff was posted on various stations of Vasad Kathana line of the Western Railway;

(b) the date on which the train service was actually started on this line;