

Superannuated Officers

583. **Shri Chandak** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) how many superannuated officers (category-wise) are there in the Ministry and what are the special reasons for re-appointing them after retirement;

(b) how long are these retired persons to continue in office; and

(c) how many officers are to retire during 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 18].

(c) Two.

Tourist Bureaus

584. **Shri Hem Raj** :
Sardar Iqbal Singh :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Tourist Bureaus proposed to be opened during the Second Five Year Plan period both in the country and abroad.

(b) the names of the places where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon and the proportion in which it will be shared by the Centre and States?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 19].

Fisheries

585. **Shri R. P. Garg** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of income accruing to the country annually from Indian Fisheries;

(b) the number of fishermen and country crafts engaged in the fishing industry;

(c) the number of trawlers acquired from foreign countries during the last five years;

(d) the extent of improvement in netting the fish after the acquisition of trawlers by the country; and

(e) the amount proposed to be spent during the Second Five Year Plan for the improvement of the fish industry and the phase of the plan during the next five years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jais) : (a) and (b). According to Report on the marketing of fish in India issued by the Directorate of Agricultural Marketing and Inspection, the estimated average annual income from fishing industry is about Rs. 18 crores, the population of adult fishermen, about 5 lakhs and the total number of fishing craft, about seventy thousand.

(c) Eleven, including four brought by a private Company in Bombay.

(d) These trawlers actually arrived during 1955 and have commenced fishing only recently. It is, therefore, too early to make an assessment.

(e) Rs. 398.5 lakhs (besides State Schemes amounting to Rs. 8 crores), phased as shown in statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 20].

स्टेशनों पर भोजन व्यवस्था

५८६. **श्री बाबूशाह गुप्त** : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि लखनऊ के दारुल-शाफ़ा के निकट स्थित "सर्वप्रिय भोजनालय" के व्यवस्थापक ने रेलवे-स्टेशनों पर साढ़े दस घाने लुराक की दर पर, ग्राजकल दिये जाने वाले भोजन से बढ़िया भोजन देने की कोई योजना प्रस्तुत की है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल्लगेशन) : इस बात का पता नहीं चल रहा है कि इस तरह की कोई योजना सरकार या रेल-प्रशासनों को मिली है।

Rice

587. **Shri Sanganna** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture toured South India, Orissa and West Bengal to study food position during the first part of July, 1956; and

(b) if so, whether a statement showing the prospects of rice crop in that part of the country will be placed on the Table of the Sabha?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jais) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prospects of the next rice crop in India appear to be very bright. All the major rice-growing areas have received ample and early rains this year. The delta