

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, whenever conditions warrant; and whenever we think that without controls the situation is likely to be very much worse, we have no hesitation to control. We are not disliking controls as such.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: I want to know whether at any time the prices of chillies and oil were controlled? To say that Government burnt their fingers is.....

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I did not mean chillies in particular.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is it not a fact that the Government considers controls as a necessary evil?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, to that extent we do.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: To us who do not use chillies, because we have so many other things for savoury, the importance of chillies might look rather trivial; but for the poor, we will all agree, there is no other spice which can make their food savoury. So if the Government cannot control the price of chillies, they should at least open co-operative shops for some of the essential necessities of food like chillies and oil and should invite the people to take shares. Instead of waiting for the people themselves to start these shops, will the Government themselves open these shops?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Co-operative shops and co-operative organisations are for the people themselves to organise and not for the Government.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK AND NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

*680. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount deposited in post office savings bank account dur-

ing each of the years 1952-53 and 1953-54;

(b) the amount withdrawn from that account during the same period;

(c) the value of the National Savings Certificates issued during the same period; and

(d) the value of these certificates discharged during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a), (b), (c) and (d). A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 303.]

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Could the hon. Minister kindly state whether as a result of the small savings scheme the investments in and withdrawals from these accounts have been affected, and if so to what extent?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The gross deposits show an increase and the net deposits show a fall.

RAILWAY LINE TO CONNECT VISAKHAPATNAM WITH BHEMUNIPATNAM

*681. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to connect Visakhapatnam with Bhemunipatnam by a railway line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): Apparently the hon. Member is referring to the construction of a rail connection between Visakhapatnam and Bimlipatnam. This proposal will be included in the list of projects which would be considered at the time of selecting new lines, the construction of which is to be undertaken in the second Five Year Plan period.