

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) The number of 4 annas savings stamps issued for sale since 1949 is given in the statement. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 309.] Information of sales to schools and similar organisations separately is not available.

(b) Information is not available.

(c) (i) Publicity by the field staff of the National Savings Organisation with the co-operation of the Educational authorities.

(ii) Awarding of occasional prizes in the form of foot-rulers, pen-holders etc. to students investing in National Savings Certificates or purchasing National Saving Stamps.

#### SUPPLY OF AERATED WATER ON THE RAILWAYS

515. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of aerated water on the railway stations is undertaken by Government or private contractors on all the railway zones;

(b) if the supply is made by both the above agencies, what is the difference between the rates of the same type of aerated water supplied by Government and by the private contractors; and

(c) whether both these agencies serve at one station simultaneously?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The sale of aerated water at railway stations is generally undertaken by private contractors under contract with the railways, the only exception being that undertaken by the departmentally run Aerated Waters Factory at Kharagpur on the B.N. Railway portion of the Eastern Railway zone.

(b) Prices vary in terms of the quality of aerated water supplied irrespective of whether it is manufactured in the departmentally run factory or sold by private contractors.

(c) No.

#### EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

516. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of agricultural products of each variety exported from Travancore-Cochin in the year 1953 and their total value; and

(b) whether any part of the duty realised from these exports has been made available to the State Government?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) and (b). Information has been called for and the same will be laid on the Table of the Council as soon as it is received.

#### यू० एस० ए० में अध्ययन के लिये भेजे गये भारतीय किसान

५१७. श्री प्र० च० भट्टजदेव : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ भारतीय किसान संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका अध्ययन के लिए भेजे गये हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इनकी संख्या कितनी है ?

†[INDIAN FARMERS SENT FOR TRAINING IN U.S.A.]

517. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian farmers have been sent for training to the United States of America; and

(b) if so, what is their number?]

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) Yes.

(b) Twenty-five.

†English translation.