

(a) whether Government have sought any further market for the export of sugar; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b) A further quantity of 4,000 metric tons of sugar has been sold to Ceylon to meet the pressing requirements of that country.

RAILWAY QUARTERS AT MAMBALAM

*22. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new railway quarters have been constructed at Mambalam, Madras, very recently; and

(b) whether there is any water arrangements and other essential amenities available in those quarters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Only one railway quarter was constructed at Mambalam during 1961-62.

(b) Water supply and electricity have been provided in this quarter.

CROP FAILURE IN ORISSA

*23. SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the failure of crop in Orissa last year; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated quantity of foodgrains necessary for Orissa for the year 1963 and how the Central Government propose to meet the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Orissa produces mainly rice.

The production of other foodgrains is not appreciable. Though the final estimates of the current crop of rice in Orissa are not yet available, the production is expected to be less than that of last year. In a normal year, Orissa is heavily surplus in rice. Ordinarily, therefore, shortages, unless very heavy, should not affect indigenous supplies. This year the situation is reported to be well below normal. The position is being carefully watched, in consultation with the State Government and any reasonable assistance needed by the Government of Orissa in the form of supply of foodgrains from Central stocks will be made available.

ATTACK BY NAGA HOSTILES ON A TRAIN

*24. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were any members of the Railway Protection Force in the train which was fired upon by the Naga hostiles on April 9, 1963, on the Mariani-Lumding Section of the Northeast Frontier Railway;

(b) if so, what part the Railway Protection Force played when the train was attacked; and

(c) whether the authorities had taken necessary security measures on this Section in view of the operations of the Naga hostiles?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first escort seated in the bogie next to the engine was put out of action on account of being trapped in the accident. However, the second escort in the rear of the train took position and opened fire with light machine gun and .303 rifles which compelled the hostile Nagas to beat a retreat.

(c) Yes, Sir.

*25. [Transferred to the 30th April, 1963.]