

(ib) whether Government are aware of the demand from the public for providing a railway station at Teli-posh which is the nearest place from Kuarmunda Block Headquarters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) The information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STUDY OF NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF CEREALS AND PULSES

134. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sponsored a project to study the nutritional value of certain cereals and pulses;

(b) if so, what are the details and scope of the project; and

(c) whether there is any time-limit set for its completion and, if any, what?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes; the following schemes have been sanctioned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to study the nutritional value of maize and rice:

1. Scheme for investigation of nutritional value of Indian and hybrid maize varieties, at Lady Irwin College, New Delhi; and
2. Scheme for investigation of nutritional value of Indian and hybrid rice varieties, at Lady Irwin College, New Delhi.

In addition to the above two schemes, a project to study the nutritional value of certain cereals and pulses is under active consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) and (c) 1. Scheme *on maize* has been sanctioned at Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 1st April, 1961 at a total cost of Rs. 33,300 to the Council to investigate

the nutritive value and cooking quality of Indian and hybrid maize varieties.

2. *The scheme on rice* has been sanctioned at Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 1st April, 1963, at a total cost of Rs. 18,830, to the Council, to investigate the nutritive value of Indian and hybrid rice varieties.

3. *The Project to study the nutritional value of certain cereals and pulses* is proposed to be sanctioned for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 1st April, 1964 at a total cost of Rs. 1,08,000 to the Council at the following centres to study the nutritive value of the improved varieties of rice, wheat, jowar, gram, arhar, etc.

<i>Institutions</i>	<i>Crop</i>
Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack and the Laboratory of the Department of Food.	Rice
Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.	Wheat
Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore.	Jowar and Ragi
Home Science College, Baroda.	Bajra
Lady Irwin College, New Delhi.	Gram
Home Science College, Coimbatore.	Arhar and Urad
Bio-Chemistry Department, University of Lucknow.	Barley

#### DERAILMENT OF GOODS TRAIN BETWEEN JAITNGA AND MAILONGDISA

135. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 16th July, 1963 a goods train was derailed and some portion thereof became upside down between Jatinga and Mailongdisa Stations on the Lumding-Badarpur Section of the North-East Frontier Railway and the line was blocked to traffic for about two days;

(b) whether it is a fact that a similar accident occurred on the same spot on the 20th July, 1963; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps were taken to guard against such incidents?

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

(b) Another goods train derailed on the adjacent block section but not at the same spot.

(c) (1) Special rules for carriage and wagon examination and maintenance laid down for Lumding-Badarpur hill section are being rigidly Observed.

(2) All hill section loads are examined intensively.

(3) All spring cambers are measured and the measurements recorded.

(4) Surprise checks on the hill section loads are carried out by officers and subordinates to ensure safe running of trains.

(5) Adequate instructions already exist for proper maintenance of permanent way and patrolling of section during monsoon and these are being rigidly observed.

#### **SUGAR MARKETING BOARD**

136. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Sugar Marketing Board soon; and

(b) if so, what would be the function of that Board and when the actual operation of that Board will begin?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) The matter is still under consideration.

(b) The Board when formed will be responsible for arranging distribution of sugar produced by factories within the country and export outside.

#### **THEFT OF TELEPHONE WIRE FROM: KARIMGANJ**

137. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone wires covering a three-mile area from Akbar to Fakirer bazar, about four miles from the border town of Karimganj, District Cachar (Assam) had been stolen; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATT): (a) There was a theft of about one and half miles of a pair of telephone wires on the lines from Karimganj to East Pakistan border on the night of 19th June, 1963.

(b) A complaint regarding the theft was lodged with the Officer-in-charge, Police Station, Karimganj on 20th June, 1963. The matter was also reported to Superintendent of Police, Cachar and Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Shillong. The case is still under investigation. The line was put in working order on 21st June, 1963.