

signalling installations, 20 per cent. in tele-communication work and 29 per cent. in colour light signalling work.

(d) *Power Supply*.—Land has been acquired for the three 132/25 kV substations and orders for substation materials are expected to be placed by the U.P. State Electricity Board shortly. Construction of transmission lines is in progress.

(e) *Posts and Telegraph Works*.—Orders for the necessary repeater equipment and cables have been placed.

II. Allahabad-Kanpur — Route — Kms 192:

(a) *Civil Engineering*.—Modifications to all the footover bridges has been completed. One out of three overbridges has been raised. Out of four platform sheds, three have been modified. About 25 per cent. of work on staff quarters is completed. Plans for Overhead Equipment depots and the electric loco shed have been finalised.

(b) *Overhead Equipment*.—Tenders for supply and erection of OHE have been invited. Orders for supply and erection of switching stations and booster transformer stations have been placed.

(c) *Signalling and Telecommunication*.—12 per cent. of the required modifications to mechanical signalling installations has been completed.

(d) *Power Supply*.—Land has been acquired for the three 132/25 kV substations and orders for substation materials are expected to be placed by the U.P. State Electricity Board shortly. Construction of transmission lines is in progress.

(e) *Posts and Telegraph Works*.—Tenders for cables are under scrutiny.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF RICE AND PADDY INTO AND FROM ORISSA

103. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the up-to-date figure of the total quantity of rice and paddy imported into and exported from Orissa since 1st January, 1963; and

(b) the varieties of such rice and paddy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) A quantity of 35,197 tonnes of rice was imported into Orissa on Government account from 1st January up to 22nd July, 1963. This was supplied from the Central reserve.

During the period 1st January, 1963 to 25th May, 1963, 93,919 tonnes of rice, 546 tonnes of broken rice and 39,583 tonnes of paddy were exported from Orissa to West Bengal on trade account. Export of rice and paddy from Orissa to West Bengal was stopped with effect from 25th May, 1963.

(b) The varieties of rice which were imported into Orissa are Punjab Begmi, American medium and long grain, and fine and coarse varieties of rice procured in Andhra Pradesh.

Variety-wise figures of rice and paddy exported from Orissa on trade account are not available.

WATER TAPS ON STATIONS ON S.E. RAILWAY

104. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations on the South Eastern Railway which have water taps for drinking water; and

(b) the source of the supply of drinking water on those stations which do not have such arrangements on the said Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) The names of railway stations provided with water taps for drinking water are given at Annexure 'A'. [See Appendix XLIV, Annexure No. 11].

(b) The source of supply is an open well for tubewell.

INCREASE IN DEARNESS ALLOWANCE OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

105. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have recently received any demand from railway employees for an immediate *ad hoc* increase in the dearness allowance paid to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Yes, Sir, a resolution from the All India Railway-men's Federation.

RULES FOR CANCELLATION OF SEATS

106. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently amended rules for cancellation of reserved seats/berths cause hardship to travelling public in third class compartments for journeys within 100 miles; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revise the amended rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) No reservation of seats in III class compartments is generally made on tickets for journeys less than 160 kilometres (formerly 100 miles). Reservation of berths/seats is, however, made in III

class two-tier and three-tier sleeper coaches and III class Air-conditioned coaches respectively for journeys less than 160 kilometers on payment of prescribed surcharge, but such reservations are seldom sought and there have been no complaints regarding any hardship caused by existing rules relating to them.

WASTAGE IN FOODGRAINS STOCKED IN WAREHOUSES

107. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the buffer stock of imported and indigenous wheat and rice in Government warehouses;

(b) the percentage of wastage in maintaining the stock in the warehouses and its movements to various markets; and

(c) what has been the value of such wastage during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) On 21st July, 1963, the stocks of wheat and rice available with the Central and State Governments were as follows:—

	Lakh tons
Wheat	20
Rice	7.5
TOTAL	27.5

(b) and (c) There is both gain and loss in storage godowns; gain on account of absorption of moisture during the monsoon season and loss on account of drilage, pest attack, mode of weighment at the time of receipt and issue and damage to grain by leakage of rain water or otherwise.