

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: I have already informed the House that having regard to the information in my possession, the price prevailing in Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 17.41 to Rs. 21 for different varieties.

*313. [Transferred to the 4th March, 1959.]

ROAD SCHEMES OF THE STATE OF KERALA

*314. SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes submitted by the State of Kerala for the construction of roads to be financed from the Central Road Fund during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) the total cost of the schemes;

(c) The number of Schemes sanctioned so far and the amount involved therein; and

(d) The amount of grants so far made to the State of Kerala out of the Central Road Fund?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) 32 schemes.

(b) Rs. 196,82,700.

(c) 23 schemes amounting to Rs. 114,32,700.

(d) Rs. 74,20,500.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Is it not a fact that a consolidated list of 12 schemes on the basis of the suggestions made by the Central Government has been sent up by the Government of Kerala for road construction out of these allocations? I think it was . . .

SHRI S. K. PATIL: As the note shows, twenty-three schemes amounting to the figures that I have given, have so far been approved and grants totalling Rs. 74 lakhs odd have been sanctioned. Nine schemes more total-

ling Rs. 82.5 lakhs are under consideration and it is proposed to make grants equal to Rs. 11.40 lakhs for suitable works out of these nine works. That makes a total of 32.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Have they sent up some schemes to be financed from out of the Central Road Fund ordinary reserves? If so, what consideration has the Government of India given to them?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: That information, Sir, is not with me. I will enquire if sufficient notice is given.

ROURKELA RAILWAY STATION

*315. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for the improvement of the existing Rourkela railway station; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the scheme and when it is likely to materialise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN)

(a) The existing station is being replaced by a new station at a new site.

(b) The Scheme includes three passenger and three goods platforms, a new station building to austerity standards containing waiting halls, waiting rooms, refreshment rooms and ample circulating area in front of the station. It is expected to be completed by December, 1959.

POOLING OF THE RESOURCES OF THE AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL AND THE BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

*316. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India International and the British