

on the Eastern Railway due to the breakage of a rail and was further delayed at Delhi due to the overhauling of interlocking gear of West Cabin at Delhi Main station.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes up to about 1.30 hours.

(d) A Committee of Junior Administrative Officers of Northern Railway is enquiring into the matter. On completion of the Enquiry, suitable disciplinary action against the staff, if any, held responsible will be taken.

AERODROME AT GANDHIDHAM

*453. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in the completion of the aerodrome at Gandhidham;

(b) if so, whether it is due to any delay in the import of certain equipment for controlling aeroplanes, and if so, what it is due to; and

(c) when the aerodrome is likely to be completed and put into commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN):

(a) to (c). The construction of a runway, apron and taxi-track at Kandla has already been completed and other connected works are scheduled to be completed by the end of December, 1958. Aeronautical communication equipment is available in stock and necessary facilities are likely to be installed by the end of January, 1959. The aerodrome is expected to be made available for regular use from February, 1959.

FALL IN PRICE OF PADDY AND RICE IN ORISSA

*454. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the price of paddy and rice in Orissa is falling; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to stabilise the price so as to give a substantial return to the producers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) and (b). As a result of the arrival of the new crop, the prices of rice and paddy are showing a downward trend. With a view to safeguarding the interests of the producer, the Government have decided to procure rice and paddy in the State at prices which are considered reasonable.

SAMBALPUR-TITLAGARH RAILWAY LINE

*455. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the railway line from Sambalpur to Titlagarh has been finally taken up by Government;

(b) if so, what is the progress made so far in the construction of the line; and

(c) what is the total amount allotted for the construction of this line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) No Sir, not yet.

(b) and (c). Do not arise for the present.

राष्ट्रीय विस्तार सेवा योजना के अधीन पालमपुर तहसील के विकास के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता

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