

Survey—is under preparation. Intensive Family Schedules are being tabulated and it is expected that the report on the third stage—the Intensive Family Survey—will be completed in the beginning of 1953.

KAKINADA—MADRAS RAILWAY LINE

41. SHRI P. V. NARAYANA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state how the matter of bringing Kakinada (Madras State) on the Main Calcutta—Madras Railway Line stands at present ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : The question of bringing Kakinada on the Main Calcutta—Madras Railway Line has been referred to the Central Board of Transport and their decision is awaited.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

42. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Railway accidents took place during the year 1951-52 ;

(b) how many persons were killed ; and

(c) what precautions have been taken till so far ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) 16 accidents to trains carrying passengers attended with loss of human life or grievous hurt or damage to property to the value of approximately Rs. 20,000 or over in each.

(b) 46 persons were killed.

(c) Vigorous steps are taken to prevent accidents as far as possible. They include effective disciplinary action against Railway staff held responsible for accidents, frequent and intensive inspections of permanent way, rolling stock, etc., provision and improvement of mechanical appliances designed

to minimise failures of the human element, systematic examination of the working of stations, more intensive patrolling as and when warranted of selected sections of the Railway line in consultation and collaboration with State Governments, provision of certain mechanical devices in the structure of the permanent way so as to make tempering with the track difficult, grant of special priority for works required to enhance the margin of safety and generally improving operating conditions.

» PROCUREMENT PRICE OF PADDY IN MADRAS

43. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the procurement price of paddy in Madras State is low when compared to the other deficit States in Indian Union;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI) : (a) No, except in comparison with Travancore-Cochin.

(b) There is no strict parity in the procurement prices of paddy in deficit States, the variation being due to different factors such as prevailing market prices, general trend of other essential commodities and competing crops, and the general crop condition.

PRODUCTION OF SULPHATE OF AMMONIA

44. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state whether the Sulphate of Ammonia produced by the Sindri Factory costs more in Madras city when compared to the cost of the imported stuff ?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY) : Yes. Sulphate of Ammonia produced in the