

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

country and imported is taken into a Central Pool and a F. O. R. Pool price on a no profit no loss basis is fixed. The present Pool price is Rs. 380 per long ton F. O. R. main ports in case of imported material and F. O. R. Sindri in case of Sindri product. As the Railway freight from Sindri to Madras is Rs. 44/8/- per long ton, the Sindri fertiliser costs more in Madras than the imported stuff.

MARKETING OF JAGGERY IN MADRAS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that large stocks of jaggery (*gur*) remains unsold with the producers in Madras State without the fair and proper marketing facilities; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to find a proper and fair market for the producers ?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMED KIDWAI) : (a) The stock position of jaggery in Madras is being ascertained from the State Government.

(6) In order to check undue decline in *gur* prices all over the country, including Madras, Government have already allowed export of 25,000 tons jaggery. Further quantities will be released for export if the prices of jaggery do not improve.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUILON-ERNAKULAM RAILWAY LINE

46. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the estimated cost of construction of the Quilon—Ernakulam Railway Line (Southern Railway) and when is it expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : The cost of constructing a Broad Gauge line will be of the order of

Rs. 8 crores, but a more accurate figure will be available when the detailed estimates have been prepared by the Railway after carrying out final location survey of the line.

The Government are not in a position to give a definite date for the completion of this line at present, as this would depend on the availability of funds from year to year.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS SCHEME

47. SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR :
Will the Minister for RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(d) whether the part of the National Highways Scheme relating to Travancore-Cochin will be put into execution during 1952-53 ;

(b) what provision has been made therefor in 1952-53 ; and

(c) whether there is any provision for the construction of a bridge on the highway between Edacochin and Aroor ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 4,00,000 for development and Rs. 6,12,000 for maintenance.

(c) Yes.

ELECTRIC LAMP INDUSTRY :

48. SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the installed capacity and production, separately for the Indian and non-Indian section of the electric lamp industry in regard to g. l. s. lamps and consumption of g. l. s. lamps in 1951 ;

(b) whether any permission has been given since the attainment of Independence to non-Indian capital to extend production of g. l. s. lamps in India and, if so, why and under what conditions ; and