

execution of Minor Irrigation Schemes, distribution of chemical fertilisers at subsidised rates, increased use of local manurial resources and green manure, multiplication and distribution of improved paddy seeds and introduction of improved agricultural practices.

Remodelling of Durgapur and Oriya Stations

*1504. **Shri Subhman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to remodel the stations of Durgapur and Oriya in view of the growing importance of Durgapur as a big industrial centre;

(b) if so, whether estimate has been made for that; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not remodelling the station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to Durgapur and Oriya Stations. If so, it is proposed to remodel Durgapur Station but there is no proposal for remodelling Oriya Station.

(b) Estimates for remodelling the station building and the goods shed at Durgapur are under preparation.

(c) Oriya station being very near to Durgapur, it is not considered necessary to remodel this when Durgapur Station is going to be remodelled.

Sealing of Indo-Pakistan Border

*1505. { **Shri Vajpayee:**
Shri Dasaratha Deb:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over one lakh maunds of jute have been held up at Agartala as a result of the sealing of the Indo-Pakistan border by the Government of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jais): (a) Yes.

(b) Upto the end of July this year jute grown in Tripura was being despatched mainly by Indo-Pakistan route. But as adequate number of empty wagons were not being made available by Pakistan Railway, limited quantities were also moved by air and all-India route which involve higher transport charges. After the sealing of the border of Pakistan, however, jute was transported by the latter routes only. N.E.F. Railway has allowed concessional rates by reducing the ordinary rates by annas eight per maund for the transport of jute by all-India route.

Air Accident

*1506. { **Shrimati Masda Ahmed:**
Shri Tagamani:
Shri V. F. Nayar:
Shri Ram Krishna:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Night Air Service 'Skymaster' bound for Nagpur crashed near Meenambakkam soon after take off on 8th September, 1958;

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage to the plane and to properties of passengers;

(c) whether any passengers were injured;

(d) what alternative arrangements were made for transport of the passengers; and

(e) whether an enquiry is being held into the cause of accident?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Indian Airlines Corporation Skymaster VT-DIA operating night Air Mail Service from Madras to Nagpur made a precautionary landing at Madras at 2338 hours on 8-9-1958 and during the course of this landing met with an accident.