

Production of Oil-Seeds

*521. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 271 on the 16th February, 1959 and state—

(a) what was the production of oil-seeds during the year 1958-59,

(b) whether the target fixed for production of oil-seeds was reached during the year 1958-59; and

(c) if not, the steps taken for reaching the target during the current year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 69.19 lakh tons (final estimate)

(b) Yes

(c) Does not arise

Paradip Port

*522 Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 4056 on the 6th May, 1959 and state—

(a) whether the report of the Poona Research Institute about Paradip Port in Orissa has since been examined,

(b) whether Government have accepted its findings, and

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir It is still under examination

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, in due course

Central Board of Railway Research

*523. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-powered Central Board of Railway Research is to be set up shortly; and

(b) if so, the functions that will be entrusted to it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) To direct and coordinate Research on Railways and secure co-operation of other institutions such as National Laboratories.

Restoration of Darwaha-Pusad Line

*524. Dr. M. S. Aney: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 615 on the 20th August, 1958 and state

(a) whether Government propose to take up the restoration of the section of the narrow gauge railway line between Darwaha and Pusad which was dismantled during the Second World War and make provision for the same in the Third Five Year Plan, and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) The proposal for restoration of this line was fully considered and dropped as it was not financially justified.

Explosion on Amritsar-Pathankot Section

*525. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 117 on the 11th February, 1959 and state

(a) the progress made so far in the police investigation into the explosion which occurred on the rail track between Sarna and Boharoli Stations on Amritsar-Pathankot line on the 16th of January, 1959; and

(b) with what results?