

during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons as to why the full amount has not been utilised and how far the development of agriculture in Tripura has suffered?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No, Sir. The amount spent in 4½ years is about Rs. 26.68 lakhs.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of Rice from U.A.R.

*983. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Koratkar:
Shri Assar:

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

(a) whether the U.A.R. has offered more rice to India; and

(b) if so, on what terms?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the offer is now under consideration it would not be desirable to disclose this information.

Train Collision

*984. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
Shri Subiman Ghosh:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 23 persons were injured when the engine of a Sealdah bound local train bumped into the rear bogie of another Sealdah bound train at Ultadanga station near Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been instituted into the matter;

(c) the number of persons injured seriously; and

(d) whether any compensation has been given to them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) In the accident which occurred at Ultadanga Road station on 4th December, 1960, 34 persons were injured.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Four.

(d) Not, yet, Sir.

Stocks of Rice and Paddy in Tripura

*985. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice and paddy in Government godowns in Tripura;

(b) whether these stocks are fast deteriorating; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to dispose of such Government stocks before these become unfit for human consumption?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Rice—11,149 Metric Tonnes.

Paddy—959 Metric Tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Barsoi-Siliguri Line

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

(a) when the construction of the broad gauge line from Barsoi to Siliguri will be completed;

(b) whether the Tildanga-Farraka broad gauge line will be opened to passenger traffic in the near future; and

(c) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) It is likely to be completed some time next