

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Approximate 108 miles.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the sections on which doubling is being carried out and the probable dates of completion is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 127.]

#### Rice for Madras

\*813. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the quota of rice supply from the Centre to the State of Madras;

(b) if so, by how much; and

(c) whether the price of rice has increased in recent months?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise

(c) After the formation of the Southern Rice Zone from 9-7-1957, the prices of rice in Madras have generally been showing a downward tendency.

#### Fish Boat Building Yards

\*814. Shri Narayanankutty Menon: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from State Governments for the establishment of fish boat building yards;

(b) if so, where the yards are to be located and what is the capital proposed to be invested; and

(c) what is the proposed number of boats to be built annually?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, from the States of Bombay, Madras and Mysore.

(b) The yard in Bombay State is to be located in Satpati, District Thana, that of Madras State in Madras City and that of Mysore in Mangalore at present.

The capital proposed to be invested is Rs. 1,85,900 in 1957-58.

(c) The proposed number of boats to be built annually is 15 by Madras, 20-25 by Bombay and 15 by Mysore.

#### Helicopters from U.S.A.

\*815. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1122 on the 19th December, 1956 and state:

(a) whether Government have succeeded in getting helicopters from U.S.A. under the Technical Assistance Programme, and

(b) if so, the use to which they are going to be put?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

#### Hooghly River Foreshore Erosion

\*816. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any model experiments were done to see if the foreshore erosion at Dunbar Cotton Mill by the side of the River Hooghly could be decreased;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether the results of the experiments were put into use; and

(d) if not, what other steps were taken to stop erosion there?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1943-44.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No action was taken by the Dunbar Cotton Mill.