

(b) The locomotives ordered by the Government of India from Messrs. Krauss Maffei in 1951 with the price of each is as follows:—

50 YP Class Metre Gauge	@ £ 17,850/-fob
15 ZE Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 14,180/-fob
15 ZB Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 11,215/-fob
5 ZF Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 10,358/-fob.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, but arrangements will be made for the hon. Member to see a copy of the contract should he so desire.

#### SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO WEST BENGAL

\*370. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of foodgrains has the Government of West Bengal demanded from the Government of India for the year 1952;

(b) whether any quantity has already been allotted to the State; and

(c) what quantity of rice is going to be supplied to West Bengal during the year, 1952?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The Government of West Bengal declared a deficit of 8.55 lakh tons of foodgrains for 1952 in February, 1952.

(b) Upto May, 3.51 lakh tons of foodgrains have been actually allotted to West Bengal.

(c) This cannot be definitely stated at present.

#### MANGALORE-HASSAN RAILWAY LINE

\*371. **Shri B. Shiva Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received urging Government to undertake the construction of the Mangalore-Hassan Railway; and

(b) whether there is any prospect of such construction being undertaken in the near future?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Yes.

(b) The project was considered by the Central Board of Transport in January 1950 and it was decided that it should be held over for the present. The proposal can be considered only after the Central Board of Transport has approved of it.

#### MAJOR PORT

\*372. **Shri B. Shiva Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been reached in regard to the construction of a major port on the west coast between Bombay and Cochin; and

(b) if not, when such a decision is likely to be reached?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of certain inadequacies in the report in regard to Malpe and the prevailing financial stringency, consideration of the question of the need for, and the siting of, a major port on the coast between Mormugao and Cochin has been deferred for the present. The question of undertaking a more thorough examination of the economic and engineering aspects of the project will be considered when the financial position improves. In the meantime, the Government of Madras have been advised to consider the possibility of improving the minor port of Mangalore. To this end, model experiments are being carried out in the Research Station at Poona.

#### ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S FOOD COUNCIL

\*373. **Shrimati A. Kale:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the total amount spent by Government so far for subsidising the activities of the All India Women's Food Council?

(b) How far has it helped to solve the cereal shortage in the country?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The amounts spent by the Government on the activities of the All-India Women's Food Council are as below:—

1950-51	Rs. 68,714-7-9
1951-52	.. 1,49,522-8-0
1952-53 (from 1st April, 1952 to 21st May, 1952)	.. 22,916-5-6

Rs. 2,41,153-5-3