

## PALNI—SAMRAJYANAGAR RAILWAY LINE

\*850. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct a railway line from Palni (Madras State) to Samrajanagar via Darapuram and Sathiyamangalam;

(b) whether it is a fact that survey of this line was made a few years ago; and

(c) if so, what was the result of the survey?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) A railway line between Palni and Chamarajanagar was considered in two parts (i) Palni to Satyamangalam via Tiruppur and Dharapuram, and (ii) Satyamangalam to Chamarajanagar as part of Coimbatore-Satyamangalam-Chamarajanagar project.

(b) The survey of Palni-Satyamangalam project was last carried out in 1926-27. The survey of Chamarajanagar-Coimbatore project was carried out in 1948-49.

(c) The Satyamangalam-Palni railway project was found to be financially unremunerative and was accordingly dropped. The Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam-Coimbatore railway project has been approved by the Central Board of Transport and its construction is proposed to be taken up during 1954-55 and 1955-56.

## METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS

165. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of factories where Meteorological and Seismological instruments for the day to day working of the Meteorological Department are manufactured in India; and

(b) what are the instruments that are not manufactured in India but are imported?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bhadur):** (a) The large bulk of the requirements of the India Meteorological Department in regard to meteorological and seismological instruments is met by manufacture in the Department's own workshops in Delhi and Poona. I lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the other organisations in India from which instruments are obtained. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 44].

(b) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 45].

## PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

166. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the targets fixed for different States for procurement of foodgrains in 1952?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** A statement showing procurement targets fixed for 1952 for the various states is laid on the Table of the House.

## STATEMENT

*Procurement target of foodgrains for 1952 for various States in India.*

State	Quantity in tons
Assam	70,000
Bihar	41,000
Bombay	250,000
Madhya Pradesh	460,000
Madras	850,000
Orissa	244,500
Punjab	285,000
Uttar Pradesh	517,000
West Bengal	250,000
Hyderabad	175,000
Jammu & Kashmir	43,616
Madhya Bharat	57,000
Mysore	72,000
PEPSU	110,580
Rajasthan	80,000
Saurashtra	16,000
Travancore-Cochin	80,800
Coorg	11,000
Himachal Pradesh	1,800
Kutch	1,000
Manipur	2,571
Tripura	1,100
Vindhya Pradesh	25,719
Andamans	300
Total	3,645,986

## SUGAR

167. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantities of sugar produced in India during 1951-52 season giving State-wise figures;

(b) the total quantity of *Khandsari* sugar produced during the same period;

(c) the total quantity of *gur* produced during the same period; and