

State Transport Undertakings

*340. **Shri B. D. Shastri** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the matters discussed at the fourth Conference of the representatives of State Transport Undertakings held recently at Trivandrum;

(b) the recommendations made by the Conference; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decisions on these recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) A copy of the agenda of the fourth Conference of the State Transport undertakings held at Trivandrum on the 7th and 8th November, 1955, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 6] The matters discussed were mainly of domestic interest to the State Transport Undertakings.

(b) A copy of the proceedings of the Conference when finalised will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) No decisions are required to be taken by Government on general matters discussed at these Conferences, which concern the State Transport Undertakings themselves. If, however, any specific reference is made to Government, it is considered on its own merits.

Balangir-Titilagarh Railway Line.

*344. **Shri R. N. S. Deo** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 171 on the 3rd August, 1955 and state:

(a) whether the revision of the figures of the 1946-47 Preliminary Engineering Survey of the Balangir-Sambalpur portion has been done;

(b) if so, the estimated cost under the revised estimate;

(c) whether the new survey for Balangir-Titilagarh portion has been concluded;

(d) if so, the results thereof, and if not, when is it likely to be concluded; and

(e) whether the proposed new survey for Balangir-Titilagarh portion, includes both Engineering and Traffic surveys?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahmawaz Khan) : (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(d) In July 1956.

(e) No, Sir. Only a preliminary Engineering survey has been considered necessary as the Traffic Survey has already been done.

Tube-wells in Rajasthan

*348. **Shri Karni Singh Ji** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Site Selection Committee for the exploratory tube-wells has visited the Rujgarh area of Rajasthan to select suitable sites for the purpose; and

(b) if not, when it is expected to do so?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain) : (a) No, Sir. The Rujgarh area has not been selected for groundwater exploration as it is in the midst of an area underlain by hard, impervious rocks and, therefore, not considered promising for tube-well development.

(b) Does not arise.

Foodgrain Gift from U.S.A.

*354. { **Sardar Hukam Singh:**
Shri Bahadur Singh:
Shri Digambar Singh:

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

(a) the principles that have guided the Central Government for distribution of 20,000 tons of foodgrains received as a gift from the Government of United States for free distribution in the flood affected areas; and

(b) the quantity out of that allocated to Punjab and PEPUSU?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain) : (a) Allotment of the gift grains to different States has been made keeping in view the needs of flood affected areas in each state.

(b) Punjab and PEPUSU have been allotted 2,500 tons and 1,500 tons of wheat respectively. No rice has been allotted to these two States.

Water Transport Board

*355. **Shri Shree Narayan Das** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to para. 60 of this Ministry's Annual Report for 1954-55 and state

(a) the precise nature of the alternative proposals submitted by some