

(c) The difference between the ex-godown economic cost of locally produced rice and (a) imported coarse rice and (b) imported fine rice is Rs. 8-7-0 and Rs. 11-12-0 per md. respectively. Wheat is not grown in the State and the question of difference in the prices of imported and locally produced wheat therefore does not arise.

ROAD RESEARCH INSTITUTES

555. **Shri Badshah Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the names of the Road Research Institutes at work in the Indian Union with their respective dates of commencement, monthly expenses thereon, and the names of the respective heads under whose supervision the work is being done?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The Central Road Research Institute near Okhla, Delhi, which was formally declared open by the Prime Minister on the 16th July 1952, is the only complete Institute for Road Research in India at present. This started functioning in a temporary building since the beginning of 1950. Its monthly expenditure during 1951-52 was approximately Rs. 32,000. Its Director is Dr. Ernst Zipkes.

There is a Central Road Test Track at Calcutta which was set up in 1939. Monthly expenditure on this Test Track is about Rs. 3,000. Its work is supervised by the Special Chief Engineer, West Bengal, on behalf of the Consulting Engineer (Roads).

There are also several State Laboratories at present doing Road Research in certain limited directions in places like Karnal, Lucknow and Madras. These are, however, the direct responsibility of the State Governments concerned and information is not available regarding the dates when they were set up, the monthly expenses on each and the names of their directing officers.

SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO HYDERABAD

556. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and price of the various foodgrains supplied to Hyderabad State during the year 1951;

(b) the quantity and price of the foodgrains procured from Hyderabad State during the same year; and

(c) whether Hyderabad State is surplus or self-sufficient or deficit area so far foodgrains are concerned?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Hyderabad was supplied 1,29,000 tons of foodgrains comprising 17,000 tons of rice, 96,000 tons of wheat and 16,000 tons of other grains during 1951. A statement showing the prices of various grains supplied to Hyderabad is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 28.]

(b) During the same year, Hyderabad Government procured 1,59,000 tons of foodgrains consisting of 62,000 tons of rice, 7,000 tons of wheat and 90,000 tons of other grains out of local production. A statement showing the procurement prices of foodgrains in Hyderabad State during 1951 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 29.]

(c) Hyderabad was net exporter of foodgrains up to 1946 and thereafter they became net importer of foodgrains.

SITAPUR RAILWAY STATION

557. **Shri G. L. Chaudhary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sitapur an important Railway Station on O. T. Railway now Northern Railway, has no electricity connection, while the Sitapur city has the electricity and the power house

(b) do Government propose to have electricity connection on this station; and

(c) if so, how long will it take?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). The reply is in the affirmative.

(c) The scheme is under investigation. It is proposed to electrify the station as soon as power is available at reasonable rates.

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN MADHYA PRADESH

558. **Shri Pateria:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat produced in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1951-52;