

importance that it connects three Taluks in Nellore District;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). Prior to 1-4-59, Nos. 17Dn|18Up Madras-Delhi Janata Express used to stop at Singarayakonda. As the average long distance traffic per day dealt with at this station by these trains during the period October to December 1958 was negligible, stoppages were withdrawn with effect from 1-4-59. There is no justification to restore halts of these trains at Singarayakonda.

#### Vamsadhara Project

**1120. Shri Yallamanda Reddy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the site for Vamsadhara Project;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The Vamsadhara Project is under examination in the Central Water and Power Commission.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Production of Khandsari and Gur

**1121. Shri K. N. Pande:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Khandsari and Gur during the season 1961-62; and

(b) how the prices of Khandsari and Gur compare with the prices of these commodities in previous years i.e. 1959-60 and 1960-61?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):**

(a) Since the season 1961-62 is still

on, it is not possible to give the production of gur and khandsari during this season.

(b) Prices of Khandsari and Gur prevailing during the week ending 15th April in Hapur market for the seasons 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 are given below:—

Season	Average price per maund (Rupees)	
	Khandsari	Gur
1959-60	33.63	16.00
1960-61	33.75	16.00
1961-62	33.00	17.75

#### Price of Wheat

**1122. Shri K. N. Pande:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how the market reacted to fixation of price of Wheat per Maund by Government; and

(b) whether it is going to encourage the sowing of wheat and increase the area under wheat cultivation?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) It is too early to assess market reactions to the announcement of the Government of India in March, 1962 of the minimum support price of Rs. 13 per maund for wheat. There has been no undue rise or fall in the market prices of wheat since the announcement of minimum price.

(b) The sowings of the next wheat crop will commence during September-October, 1962. The minimum price for wheat has been fixed to assure the cultivator of a reasonable return for his produce, so that he may have the necessary incentive to put in greater effort to produce more.