

(b) These are Narrow Gauge wagons which were supplied by the Manufacturers without Centre Buffer Couplers according to the terms of the Contract. Supplies of Centre Buffer Couplers ordered separately, could not synchronise with the supplies of wagons and as such wagons had to be stabled. Supplies of Centre Buffer Couplers have since commenced and it is expected, that the wagons in question will be turned out to traffic shortly.

Railway Lines in Orissa during Tihrd Plan

637. **Shri Maheshwar Naik:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total mileage of tracks that have so far been or proposed to be doubled in Orissa;

(b) whether a new proposal for track-doubling has been suggested by the Government of Orissa; and

(c) if so, what is the decision taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Information about doubling of lines is not compiled State-wise but Railway-wise. However, a rough assessment indicates that out of all the doublings proposed to be carried out under the Third Five Year Plan about 300 miles will fall within Orissa State:

(b) and (c). The Government of Orissa have suggested the doubling of track between Jajpur Keonjhar Road and Khurda Road. Of this, the work on the doubling between Nergundi and Khurda Road is already in progress. A proposal for doubling the section between Jajpur Keonjhar Road and Nergundi is also under consideration.

Mechanised Farm in Madhya Pradesh

638. **Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether a

final decision has been taken to locate a large-sized mechanised farm in Madhya Pradesh on the pattern of a similar farm already set up in Suratgarh (Rajasthan)?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): No. The matter is still under consideration.

Quarters for P. & T. in Delhi

639. { **Shri Buta Singh:**
Shri Gulshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 900 quarters have been acquired in Delhi by the P. & T. from the C.P.W.D.; and

(b) if so, when these quarters are likely to be allotted to the needy P. & T. employees in Delhi?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Agency to Supply Essential Commodities

{ **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**
640. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh:

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

(a) whether there is a scheme to set up a Central agency to ensure a continuous flow of supply of essential commodities like foodgrains, sugar, salt, pulses and edible-oils to Assam and adjoining areas; and

(b) if so, what is the constitution and precise functions of the proposed agency?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to set up a special agency.