

Sl. No.	Name of Port	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Position as on 30th September, 1963
			Rs.	
3	Krishnapatnam	(i) Construction of a new bridge across Buckingham Canal to connect with port site.	1,00,000	Administrative sanction awaited by the P.W.D.
		(ii) Construction of stone groynes and banks protection works.	2,00,000	Details under technical examination.
		(iii) Provision of a dumb 3/4 cubic yd. grab dredger.	2,00,000	Quotations under examination.
		TOTAL	45,00,000	

Railway Workers

1015. **Shri H. C. Soy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Banda Munda sector in S.E. Railway there are hundreds of Railway workers mostly from the Scheduled Tribes, who have been refused permanent jobs in spite of their having served the Railway for more than six months continuously; and

(b) if so, the steps the Railway Board propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). It is a fact that on construction projects in this sector there are large numbers of casual labour of whom many belong to Scheduled Tribes. Work as casual labour for more than six months on a construction project does not entitle them to absorption in regular Railway service for which they must be selected by duly constituted Selection Boards. In a selection held recently 492 of them appeared before the Selection Board when 235 including 33 from Scheduled Tribes have been selected.

Procurement Price of Rice

1016. { **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**
Shri V. Thevar:

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

(a) whether Government have fixed any procurement price in the different rice growing provinces; and

(b) if so, what are the prices and basis for their fixation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2005/63].

These prices were fixed after taking into consideration various factors, such as, trends in the costs of production, farm harvest prices, market prices and parity between the prices of competing crops.

Food Production Board

1017. { **Shri D. D. Mantri:**
Shri H. C. Soy:

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

(a) whether it has been decided to form a food production board; and