

for speeding up the work for completion of incomplete Medium Irrigation Projects and for starting new projects; and

(b) if so, the names of such projects and the amounts of money allotted to each project for 1972-73 and 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA)

(a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have been urging that special central assistance outside the State Plan framework may be provided to them for irrigation projects in their State. The question of providing such assistance for six medium irrigation projects namely Salia, Ghodahado, Bahuda (Stage I), Uttei, Baghua and Dahuka, as well as the Mahanadi delta project whose accelerated construction can help to create significant additional irrigation potential in the next three years is being looked into by the Planning Commission.

Arrangements made for the Transportation of Foodgrains from Ports of Arrival

5889 **SHRI ERASMO DE SEQUEIRA** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the arrangements made by the Railways with reference to each port of arrival for speedy clearance of foodgrains expected to arrive from February 1973 onwards in terms of number and capacity of wagons allotted, month-wise, for the purpose from each port for February, March, April and May 1973?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) Wagon supplies for movement of imported foodgrains are arranged in item 'b' priority according to the programme of wagon requirements received from the Ministry of Agriculture every

month based on the anticipated arrival of foodgrains at different ports. The daily wagon quotas fixed during February and March, 1973 were as under:—

	Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge
February '73	220	50
March '73	355	165

As movement of imported foodgrains from Ports is arranged on a very high priority, there is normally no difficulty in arranging expeditious clearance.

Extension of Railway Line upto Manipur

5890 **SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to take up survey work for extension of railways upto Manipur in the Fourth Plan, and

(b) if not in the IV Plan, whether Government propose to consider including it in the Fifth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI), (a) and (b) Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Surveys for extension of a M.G. line from Silchar to Jirighat are already in progress. However further consideration to this proposal will be given after the survey is completed.