

PROCUREMENT PRICE OF PADDY IN
COORG

875. **Shri N. Somana:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procurement price of paddy in Coorg has been fixed for the crop of 1952-53;

(b) if so, what is the price fixed; and

(c) whether any recommendations have been received from the Government of Coorg in this connection?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 202/- per cartload or about Rs. 9-4-0 per maund of paddy.

(c) Yes. The Coorg Government have asked for a slight increase in procurement price of paddy. The matter is under consideration.

MINOR IRRIGATION WORKS IN COORG

876. **Shri N. Somana:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any financial aid has been given to Coorg in 1952 for minor irrigation works?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Yes. A grant of Rs. 72,187 has been given.

PAKISTAN'S BAN ON INDIAN PLANES TO
OPERATE FLIGHTS TO AFGHANISTAN

877. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what has been the outcome of India's protest to the International Civil Aviation Organisation against Pakistan's ban on Indian planes to operate flights to Afghanistan?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The case, after adjournments, is still pending before the Council of the Organisation and is expected to come up for

hearing in January, 1953. In the meantime, direct negotiations between the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan have taken place with a view to minimise the differences between them for settlement by International Civil Aviation Organisation Council and if possible, to reach a settlement without any adjudication by that body. The report of our Delegation which conducted the negotiations recently is under examination.

NAVAL DOCKYARD IN BOMBAY

878. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the naval dockyard in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what would be the estimated cost of expanding that dockyard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The question should be addressed to the Minister for Defence.

COLLIERIES

878-A. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of collieries—Government and private separately—with their locations and names, if any, in each State of the Indian Union; and

(b) the strength of labour engaged in each of these collieries?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). There are 1084 collieries—12 State-owned and 1072 private—employing daily on an average about 3,50,000 persons. Of these, 11 are in Assam, 702 in Bihar, 1 in Bombay, 4 in Hyderabad, 66 in Madhya Pradesh, 7 in Orissa, 1 in Rajasthan, 9 in Vindhya Pradesh and 283 in West Bengal. The preparation of a detailed list of the kind required would involve much time and labour which will not be commensurate with the result obtained.