

and even induced siltation at some places. In December, 1958, as the results of model experiments were yet not available, the Ganga River Commission directed the same team again to visit Suremanpur erosion site for suggesting interim measures against any possible floods in 1959. The team suggested a few more permeable spurs in the reach of attack by the river. The work, on the basis of these recommendations, is in progress.

3 Technical data required for the model experiments for evolving long-term measures have been furnished by the Chief Engineers, North Eastern Railway and Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department, to the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona. The model has been built and the experiments are in progress. The results are expected to be available by about October, 1959.

#### Upper Sileru Hydro-Electric Project

3597 Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 495 on the 19th February, 1959 and state

(a) whether the Planning Commission have approved the Upper Sileru hydro-electric scheme, and

(b) if so, the estimated amount allotted for the construction of the project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The Planning Commission have not yet approved the scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Handling of Export Cargo by Madras Port Trust Board

3598. { Shri Anthony Pillai:  
Shri L. Achaw Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) what steps have been taken by the Madras Port Trust Board to take

over the handling of export cargo; and

(b) when such taking over will be effected?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) The Madras Port Trust Board discussed the subject in November 1958 and decided to obtain the comments of the different Chambers of Commerce in the matter. These have since been received and are under examination by the Port Trust. One of the Traffic Officers was also sent to Bombay and Calcutta Ports to study the subject. He has submitted his report. Certain points arising from his report have been examined. The amendments required in the Scale of Rates, By-laws etc., are being drafted by the Port Trust. Proposals regarding the taking over of export cargo will be soon placed before the Port Trust Board for their approval. The Madras Port Trust has been requested to expedite action.

#### Utilization of Irrigation Potential

3599 { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Rami Reddy:  
Shri Thanulingam Nadar:  
Shri Jhulan Sinha:  
Shri M. R. Krishna:  
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:  
Pandit J. P. Jyotishi:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Subbiah Ambalam:  
Shri Siddananjappa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1403 on the 12th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the officers appointed by the Central Government to report whether irrigation potential in the country is fully utilised or not have submitted their report,

(b) if so, the recommendations accepted by the Government; and

(c) the progress made in the implementation of these recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c) Reports concerning all the States have been received and are under examination. Certain statistical information relating to some of these reports is still awaited from these Special officers.

#### Project on Yamuna

3600 { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1146 on the 9th December, 1958 and state

(a) whether the report for construction of a project at Yamuna has been considered, and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A preliminary project report of Koch Dam Reservoir on River Yamuna has been received in the Central Water and Power Commission and is under examination.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Production of Foodgrains

3601. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta.  
Shri Daljit Singh:

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

(a) whether there has been short-fall in the fulfilment of the target of production of foodgrains for 1958-59,

(b) if so, to what extent, and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c) On the basis of foodgrains production

programmes envisaged by various States for 1958-59, it was expected that facilities for the additional production of about 3 million tons would be created during the course of the year. As the year 1958-59 has just ended, it will be some time before the information regarding achievements under various foodgrains production programmes for the year becomes available from all the States. However, information so far available from the States on the whole justifies the expectation that the target estimated for the year 1958-59 is likely to be achieved.

#### Railway Sleepers

3602 { Shri Nagi Reddy:  
Shri D. V. Rao:  
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the annual requirements of sleepers for Indian Railways,

(b) the value of sleepers imported during 1958,

(c) the total quantity of sleepers purchased from different countries and the price paid per cubic foot for different varieties (country-wise) during the same period,

(d) the amount of foreign exchange involved and freight paid for the imported sleepers (country-wise) during the same period, and

(e) the purchases made within the country and the price paid for each cubic foot of different kinds of Indian sleepers during the same period (State-wise)?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Average annual requirements of ordinary track sleepers during the Second Five Year Plan have been of the order of 65 lakhs of sleepers. Actual requirements during first four years were more than the average.

(b), (c), (d) and (e) Presumably the information required is in respect of wooden sleepers only which is as follows: