

(Shri Raj Bahadur): Administrative approval in respect of both the works referred to, has since been issued. The execution of the projects will be taken in hand soon after the expenditure sanction for the works, which is expected to be issued shortly, has been conveyed by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply to the Central Public Works Department Authorities.

Import of Foodgrains

1305. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Panigrahi:
Shri Anirudh Sinha:
Shri D. C. Sharma
Shri Hem Raj:

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

(a) the total quantity and cost of foodgrains both rice and wheat, imported in 1959 so far; and

(b) its State-wise distribution?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Quantity and C & F value of wheat and rice imported from January to November 1959 are as under:—

Commodity	Quantity in (000 tons)	C. & F. value in lakhs of rupees
Wheat	3,264.3	11,853.9
Rice	268.1	1,296.4

(b) The foodgrains imported from abroad are partly distributed direct from docks to parties—e.g. flour mills, and to recipient States, and partly taken into Central reserve, where they are stored along with other foodgrains including those procured locally, and issued out from time to time. On receipt in the Central reserve, foodgrains lose their identity as to their time of import and their source, as the accounting and issues are not with reference to these considerations alone. It is, therefore, not possible

to give the State-wise distribution of the foodgrains imported during the current year.

Janata Meals on N. Railway

1306. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Janata meals on Northern Railway as part of scheme to provide cheap and wholesome meals to the travelling public;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) names of the stations on which it will be introduced; and

(d) the date on which it will be introduced?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (d). The sale of "Janata meals" has already been introduced, as an experimental measure, at the following stations on the Northern Railway on the dates shown against each:

1. Varanasi . . . 19-9-1959
2. Pathankot . . . 20-9-1959
3. Moradabad . . . 25-9-1959
4. Jullundur City . . . 29-9-1959
5. Allahabad . . . 1-10-1959
6. Tundla . . . 1-10-1959
7. Kanpur . . . 16-10-1959
8. Delhi Jn. . . 22-10-1959

Each such meal comprises of 12 oz. of cooked rice together with one plate Dal, one vegetable and Chutni and costs 62 nP.

Chandigarh Railway Terminus

1307. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have Chandigarh as terminus in-