

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir The Government of Orissa have not yet forwarded their proposal for a suitable road over-bridge to connect the city with the National Highway No 5.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the above

Procurement of Rice and Paddy

72. { Shri Panigrahi:
Shri B C Mullick:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the amount of money which has been spent by the Centre for the purchase of rice and paddy from Orissa in the procurement period upto 1st of November, 1959, and

(b) the quantities of rice and paddy purchased State wise by or on behalf of the Centre from the 31st July 1959 upto the 1st November, 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A M Thomas). (a) The value of the rice and paddy purchased in Orissa on behalf of the Central Government and delivered to them during the procurement season up to 1st November, 1959 is approximately Rs 754 lakhs

(b) The quantities of rice and paddy purchased in the various States by or on behalf of the Centre and delivered to them during the period were as follows —

(In Thousands Tons)

State	Rice	Paddy
Andhra Pradesh	6.2	
Madhya Pradesh	36.4	
Orissa	24.2	17.2
Punjab	8.9	

Sutlej-Beas Link Project

73. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Hem Raj:
Dr Ram Subhag Singh
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1228 on the 21st August, 1959 and state

(a) whether the proposals for the construction of Sutlej-Beas link project and the Right Power station at Bhakra have since been considered, and

(b) if so the report thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi). (a) and (b) The Punjab Government are carrying out further investigations on an integrated system of works on the Beas including the Beas Sutlej link, to ensure optimum utilisation of the waters of that river. Their report is still awaited

As regards the Right Power Station at Bhakra the proposal of the Punjab Government was examined by the Central Water and Power Commission and their comments have been forwarded to the Punjab State Electricity Board. It has since been proposed that the size of the generating units to be installed should be 1,20,000 KW each instead of 90,000 KW. A revised Project estimate is awaited from the Punjab State Electricity Board.

Training of Sarpanches of Panchayats

74. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Sarju Pandey
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 343 on the 12th August 1959 and state

(a) whether the scheme for the training of Sarpanches and up-sarpanches has been finalised and

(b) if so, the details thereof?