

money involved and whether the amount would be made available during the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The Government of Orissa have intimated that the revised cost of the scheme will be about Rs. 25.00 crores against the original estimate of Rs. 14.92 crores excluding the prorata cost of the Hirakud dam. As the revised project report has not yet been received, no comparison can be made between the old and the revised estimates. A provision of Rs. 10 crores has been made for the scheme during the Third Five Year Plan.

Prices of Sugar

2742. Shri K. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent past the price of sugar has gone up in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what is the reason; and

(c) what measure Government is going to adopt to check this rise?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) and (b). The Government of Maharashtra have informed that a few instances of sale of sugar at somewhat higher price in Bombay City and Nagpur recently came to their notice. In Bombay City such sales were confined to second-hand sales of superior grades of sugar by petty dealers. In case of Nagpur, this was due to irregular arrival of wagons.

(c) The State Government has arranged to meet full requirements of the consumers through fair price and authorised retail shops.

Loss of Foodgrains

**2743. { Shri G. K. Jedhe:
Shri Pangarkar:**

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

(a) the loss of foodgrains in Central godowns due to the Panchet floods in Poona;

(b) whether any quantity of foodgrains is useful for human consumption; and

(c) how much quantity of foodgrains has been supplied by Government to the flood sufferers so far in Poona and Poona District?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) The sudden and heavy flood at Poona washed away 10 tonnes of wheat and damaged 6,268 tonnes (6,196 tonnes rice and 72 tonnes wheat) which became unfit for human consumption out of a total stock of 7,091 tonnes (7,019 tonnes rice and 72 tonnes wheat) held by the Central Government in the godowns at Poona.

(b) 823 tonnes rice approximately.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra have issued about 24 tonnes rice to the flood sufferers in Poona out of the stocks lifted by them from the Central Government.

उत्तर रेलवे पर रुड़ा स्टेशन

२७४४. श्री जगदीश चव्हाण : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर रेलवे के रुड़ा स्टेशन का गोदाम प्लेटफार्म बहुत समय से टटी-फूटी हालत में पड़ा है जिस के कारण इस पर से बैलगाड़ियां नहीं गुजर सकतीं और माल लादने-उतारने में बहुत कठिनाई होती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी मरम्मत के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये और कब तक इसकी मरम्मत हो जायेगी ?