

bridge is not in need of any major repairs. There are, however, some minor repairs to be carried out, such as, the replacement of some planks and the tightening of ropes.

(b) The necessary repairs which are estimated to cost Rs. 5,000 have been taken in hand by the Himachal Pradesh Administration and are expected to be completed in about three months.

#### Replantation of Coconut Trees

**2078. Shri Nallakoya:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for grant of loans for replanting coconut trees or for starting new plantations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). The Governments of Kerala, Mysore, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have got schemes for grant of loans for replantation of coconut trees or for starting new plantations. The details of the schemes are as under:

**Kerala.**—The scheme for the expansion of area under coconut cultivation provides loans as under:

- (a) for reclamation of Kayal lands for planting Coconut @ Rs. 3,000 per acre,
- (b) for utilising coastal areas for planting Coconut by developing irrigation facilities with long term loan assistance for installation of pumpsets,
- (c) for both the coastal and kayal lands loans upto Rs. 380 per acre for cultivation expense in new areas.

**Mysore.**—The Coconut Development Scheme provides loans for raising new plantations and rejuvenation of old plantations at the rate of Rs. 200

per acre upto a limit of Rs. 1,000 per individual.

**Maharashtra.**—The scheme provides long term loans to fruit growers including coconut growers @ Rs. 300 per acre upto a maximum of Rs. 3,000 per individual and Rs. 30,000 in the case of co-operative societies.

**Gujarat.**—The scheme for Fruit Development has also a provision for granting loans for Coconut Plantations @ Rs. 300 per acre with a maximum of Rs. 3,000 in the case of an individual and Rs. 30,000 in the case of Co-operatives.

**Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**—The scheme provides for loans at the rate of Rs. 110 per acre for the first year and Rs. 80 per acre for the subsequent 7 years for raising Coconut plantations in the lands allotted to private parties.

The Government of Orissa have a scheme under their consideration. The Governments of Assam, West Bengal and Madras have no scheme for loan assistance to coconut cultivators.

#### Indents of Iron and Manganese Ore at Stations on S.E. Railways

**2079. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of indents refused for manganese and iron ore at Banspani, South-Eastern Railway during 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far;

(b) what is the total number of indents Banspani and other sections at Barajamda receive daily; and

(c) the total number of wagons allotted to Barajamda Station for steel mill supply in 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far, the total wagons supplied to Banspani station in the corresponding period and the reasons for such difference?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):**

(a) No indents were refused.