

foreign sports magazines. No additional steps are under the consideration of the Government at the present.

Procurement of Foodgrains

906. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

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

(a) the States which have taken steps to procure foodgrains during the current year;

(b) the prices at which they are being procured; and

(c) whether the Central Government have any scheme of their own for such procurement?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). The Government of India are procuring rice in Madhya Pradesh. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Madras and Punjab are procuring rice on behalf of the Government of India in their respective States. The Government of Uttar Pradesh are procuring rice in U.P. both on their own behalf and on behalf of the Government of India. The Governments of Assam and Orissa and the Administration of Tripura are procuring rice/paddy on their own behalf. Manipur Administration have also taken steps to procure rice and paddy on their own behalf. There is no other Government procurement of foodgrains within the country at present.

The prices at which rice is being purchased range between Rs. 34.83 and 75.69 per quintal for different varieties. The prices at which paddy is being purchased range between Rs. 18.75 and 37.38 per quintal.

Accident near Patalpani

907. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Daji:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to refer to the statement made on the 24th January, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry to ascertain the cause of the serious accident near Patalpani station on the Indore-Khandwa section of the Western Railway on the 18th January, 1963 has been completed; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the findings is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-989/63]. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and instructions issued to Railways accordingly.

Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line

908. { Shri Basappa:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the slow progress in the construction of Hassan-Mangalore Railway line; and

(b) the amount set apart in the Third Plan for this Railway line; and

(c) whether a link between Harihar and Kottur, distance of about 45 miles, is also included in the project?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) There has been no delay in the matter of construction of this line. As indicated by Planning Commission the work will be phased in such a manner that it will be finished by the time the Mangalore Port is ready.