

Delhi Milk Scheme

288. { **Shri M. Rampure:**
Shri D. D. Mantri:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme has been declared an essential service; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes.

(b) Because it was feared that possible strikes might affect the supplies and services of the Delhi Milk Scheme.

Vending contracts on Northern Railway

289. **Shri Gulshan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2577 on the 28th April, 1964 and state:

(a) the total number of vending contracts terminated on account of subletting in Delhi Division of the Northern Railway during 1963-64; and

(b) total number of contracts which were terminated on account of other complaints except subletting but were again allotted to the same contractors?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Nil.

(b) Nil.

Haldia Port

290. { **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to negotiate

with the World Bank for loan for the Haldia Port Project; and

(b) if so, what is the position in the matter?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). An application was made in December, 1963 to the World Bank for a loan to cover the foreign exchange requirements of the project. The proposal is at present under consideration by the World Bank.

Bailadilla-Kottavalsa Railway

291. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any portion of Bailadilla-Kottavalsa railway is likely to be opened for goods traffic during 1964-65;

(b) the amount spent so far on this project; and

(c) whether the rails required for this line will be made available from indigenous source or from imports?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) Rs. 21.23 crores upto April, 1964.

(c) The rails will be indigenous.

Vishakhapatnam Channel

292. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) when the work for deepening the channel at Vishakhapatnam will be taken up;

(b) the estimated cost of this work; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The first stage of improvement of the entrance channel at Vishakhapatnam Harbour has just