

of mechanised fishing boats;

(b) whether such fishing experiments are being carried out under the guidance of fishing experts from United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes

(b) (i) Paradip Yes;

(ii) Hirakud Reservoir No

(c) (i) Paradip—The catches reported so far are quite satisfactory.

(ii) Hirakud Reservoir—The results are yet to be assessed as the major part of fishing will be done between November, 1958 and March, 1959

Tourist Resort at Bhakra Dam

*115. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any beauty spot or pleasure garden is being developed on the Bhakra Dam to attract tourist traffic, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the place selected?

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

(b) Does not arise

Tungabhadra Project

*116. { Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri D V Rao:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gadwal North and Gadwal South canals have not yet been constructed under Tungabhadra Project, and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House
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Explosion between Sarna and Boharoli Stations

*117 { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Ila Paichondhurt
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Padam Dev:
Shri Ram Krishan:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion occurred on the rail track between Sarna and Boharoli Stations on Amritsar-Pathankot line on the 16th January, 1959.

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been held into the matter, and

(c) with what result?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It was concluded that it was a case of sabotage by some one with malicious intentions. Police investigation is in progress.

Procurement of Rice

*118 Shri Mahanty: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the replies given to Starred Question No. 1136 dated the 17th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the procurement prices for rice and paddy in Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa were the prices at rail-head;

(b) whether the State Governments were authorised to curtail that price, for paying commission to the traders and paying other costs;

(c) whether any uniform scale has been prescribed for transport allowances to the rail-heads incidentals and