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gauge line of ex-Baraset-Basirhat Light Railway has been stopped by the General Manager of Eastern Railway:

- (b) whether any prior reference was made to the West Bengal Government before he ordered stoppage; and
- (c) if not, whether the work will be resumed and by what date?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The Estimate and Project Report were under examination. Sanction to the estimate for construction of this project has since been accorded on 20-5-1957.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Wagon Assembly Plant at Visakhapatnam

*484. Shri R. J. Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wagon Assembly Plant at Visakhapatnam has gone into production: and
- (b) the total number of wagons that are scheduled to be assembled there?

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

(b) 8.800.

Agricultural Programme

*485. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary raised on Starred Question No. 1783 on the 5th September, 1956 in respect of the implementation of the report of the Indian Delegation to China on Agricultural Planning and Techniques, and state whether the State Governments are fully incorporating the recommendations made by the Delegation in their economic programmes?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The conclusions of the Delegation are generally of recommendatory character and to the extent they fall within

the purview of the State Governments, they have been asked to take them into account while framing their economic programmes.

Breaches in Railway Lines

*486. Shri Umrao Singh:
Shri H. P. Singh:
Shri Kalika Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (d) of Starred Question No. 78 on the 15th November, 1956 and state what additional waterways and flood protection measures were undertaken on the rail track of the North Eastern Railway which was affected by floods during 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): A statement showing additional waterways and flood protection measures undertaken or under consideration by the Railway is laid on the table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 28.]

Inter state Movement of Foodgrains

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Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Sarjoo Pandey:

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

- (a) whether the movement of foodgrains has recently been banned from one State to another in case of some States; and
- (b) if so, the names of such States and the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). A Statement is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 29.]

National Highway Bridge on Tons River

*489. Shri Kalika Singh:
Shri Umrao Singh:
Shri H. P. Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Bridges on Tons