

pur-Rangiya Section of the N.E.F. Railway has been concluded;

(b) if not, at what stage the enquiry is pending; and

(c) how many witnesses have been examined in this case?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not yet.

(b) According to expert opinion of the Chemical Examiner of the Explosive department of Government of India, the bomb was a hand grenade No. 36. Its presence at the scene of occurrence and other relevant details are being investigated by the police who are of the opinion that this was a case of accident and not sabotage.

(c) Nine.

Tube Wells in Punjab

110. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells being drilled by the Central Tube Well Organisation in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab;

(b) how many tube wells are proposed to be drilled during 1963-64; and

(c) the number of wells that are in operation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). The Exploratory Tubewells Organisation under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture carries out groundwater exploration in areas selected on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The State Government of Punjab has not proposed any exploratory site in Hoshiarpur district during the current Plan period.

In the course of exploratory drilling, such of the exploratory bores as give adequate discharge of water are converted into production tubewells

and transferred to the State Governments concerned for the purpose of irrigation and related uses. One such tubewell constructed at Narula in Hoshiarpur district and handed over to Punjab Government in December 1960, is being used by the State Government for agricultural purposes.

Loss of Wheat Bags

**111. { Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Kachhavaiya:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 1000 bags of wheat had been lost recently from the Government Godowns at Naraina near Delhi.

(b) if so, whether an inquiry has been conducted into the incident; and

(c) the result of the inquiry?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Some stocks of imported wheat which had been unloaded from wagons and were in the process of being stacked inside the Godowns, were affected by sudden rain of 11th/12th June, 1963. The affected grain has been salvaged and that quantity which is rendered unfit for human consumption is being utilised as cattle/poultry feed etc.

(b) An enquiry has been conducted.

(c) The enquiry officer has reported that damage occurred due to inadequate supply of labour by the handling and transport Contractor and further action in this connection is in progress.

Railway Bridges

112. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked a Japanese firm to supply equipments for Railway bridges in India;