

milk, compressors and some components for refrigeration will have to be imported. Other equipment required for making butter and ghee, steam supply, cold storage and quality control will be procured indigenously. The creamery will produce about 200 tons of roller-driven skim milk and about 100 tons of butter and ghee annually. The cost of equipment to be imported is estimated at Rs. 2.50 lakhs and of the indigenous equipment at Rs. 3.0 lakhs.

(e) During 1964-65.

#### Railway Link for Sukinda Mining Area

324. { Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:  
Shri Surendranath Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa State Government has informed the Central Government to undertake the construction of a Railway Link from the Sukinda Mining area to Paradip port;

(b) whether they have asked for any financial assistance from the Railway Ministry for this project; and

(c) if so, the decision of the Railway Ministry in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No Sir. The proposal of the Government of Orissa is for the construction of a railway line connecting the Sukinda Mining area with the Howrah-Cuttack main line. A survey for this 17 miles long siding from Tomka Mines in Sukinda area to Jhakupura has been sanctioned as a deposit work for the Govt. of Orissa.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Nutrition Division in the Food and Agriculture Ministry

325. **Shri Sarju Pandey:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be

pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1787 on the 28th April, 1961 and state the progress since made regarding the proposal to set up a Nutrition Division as a Wing of the Food Department?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** The Nutrition Branch is being gradually organised. Some technical posts have been sanctioned and recruitment is being made. Some ideas are being worked but all this will it is hoped, get under way after the arrival of the Nutrition Adviser whose services the FAO has kindly agreed to make available.

#### Polyphase Meters

326. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has applied for the release of foreign exchange for the import of polyphase meters;

(b) if so, when the application was made;

(c) whether foreign exchange has been released; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes.

(b) The application was made by the Kerala State Electricity Board in October, 1960.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Price of Rice in Kerala

327. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the rise in the price of rice in certain parts of Kerala after the recent floods there; and

(b) what steps have been taken to bring down the price?