

is being taken. The other seven employees, who were previously working in another temporary organisation, are now working in organisations which have been sanctioned on a purely temporary basis. It is only when these organisations are brought on to a permanent footing that the question of confirming persons working there can be taken up.

Electricity Projects in Kerala

180. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Enquiry Commission on electricity projects had been deputed to Kerala;

(b) what is the specific purpose for which the Commission has been deputed; and

(c) who are the members of the Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). No Enquiry Commission on electricity schemes of Kerala was set up. However, a team consisting of senior officers of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power, Central Water and Power Commission and the Planning Commission visited all the States, including Kerala, recently with a view to finding out the bottlenecks in the way of the speedy implementation of the power Schemes included in the Third Five Year Plan.

Rail Line to Garo Hills

181. Shri Basumatari: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construct a railway line from Bangaigaon to Garo Hills via Goalpara in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) whether a deputation waited upon the Minister of Railways in this connection when he visited Assam recently; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Contract for the Construction of Palghat Station

182. Shri V. Eacharan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders were invited to give contract to construct the Palghat Railway Station (S.R.) building;

(b) if so, how many tenders were received and what was the lowest bidding;

(c) what are the special reasons to give contract to the present man; and

(d) whether the Railway has got any control over the construction of the building or merely to take over the building after completion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Two tenders were received. The value of the lower tender was Rs. 2.03 lakhs.

(c) His was the lowest tender.

(d) The work will be done to Railway specifications under Railway supervision.

Boiled Rice in Kerala

183. Shri V. Eacharan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of boiled rice in the open market and fair price shops in Kerala;

(b) if so, up to what extent; and