

class coaches at the Integral Coach Factory, Perambur during the Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, how many are to be produced;

(c) at what estimated cost; and

(d) what is the progress in the implementation of the scheme so far?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 592 Broad Gauge coaches.

(c) Rs. 1,64,000 per coach.

(d) The first prototype shell has just been completed and taken up for furnishing.

Breeding of Sheep

*180. { Shri Anjanappa:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

(a) the steps so far taken by Government to improve the breed of Indian sheep; and

(b) whether Government have brought some sheep from the Soviet Union in this connection?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The following steps have been taken so far for the improvement of sheep breeds in India:

(1) Research schemes have been initiated through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for evolving better breeds suitable to various regions in India.

(2) The Government of India are establishing a Central Sheep

Research Institute in Rajasthan in the Third Plan with two sub-stations—one in the Nilgiri range and another in the Kulu Valley.

(3) 305 Sheep Extension Centres have been established in the Second Plan. These centres will be strengthened further in the Third Plan and about 300 additional centres will be established.

(4) 46 Sheep Breeding Farms have been established since the First Five Year Plan.

(5) A Training Centre for supervisory personnel is being established at the Poona Sheep Breeding Farm. Another Centre will be located at the Central Sheep Research Institute.

(b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have purchased 22 rams and 125 ewes of the Russian Merino breed for sheep development programme in that State.

Rihand Power

*181. { Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Maheshwar Naik:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no buyer for U.P.'s surplus power;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 4 out of 5 units of Rihand Plant are idle; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken for the full utilisation of the surplus power of U.P.?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) 3 out of 5 units of 50 MW each have been put into commercial operation.