

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The work of construction of the bridge has not commenced so far.

(b) and (c). The matter is under correspondence with the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh as to the sharing of cost and the type of bridge. Subject to the settlement of these points, a grant equal to 1/3rd of the cost upto a maximum of Rs. 8 lakhs is proposed to be made for the bridge. The remaining cost is expected to be shared equally by the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Bullock Carts

*1371. Shri Chandak: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport Advisory Council, in April, 1951, sanctioned Rs. 50,000 from the Central Road Fund to be spent on the improvement of bullock cart wheels.

(b) if so, how that money has been utilised and how many bullock cart wheels have been improved with that amount;

(c) whether the Planning Commission suggested in January, 1956 that grants may be given from the Central Road Fund for the improvement of bullock carts;

(d) what steps did the Government take to implement the suggestion of the Planning Commission; and

(e) what is the present programme for improving the bullock carts?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 127.]

Dairy Farm in Himachal Pradesh

1372. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government Dairy Farm at Katindhi Kataula in Mandi

District (Himachal Pradesh) is running at a loss;

(b) if so, what is the loss per month; and

(c) the amount spent per month?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The farm at Katindhi Kataula is not a Dairy Farm; it is a cattle breeding farm which has been set up recently with a view to evolve superior types of pedigree bulls.

(b) Since the scheme is of research and experimental nature the question of loss or profit does not arise.

(c) The total expenditure incurred upto 31st July, 1958 is Rs. 2,16,931.

C.D. and N.E.S. Blocks

*1373. Shri Raghubir Sahai: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state the criteria on which the CD and NES blocks are started in a district?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): The selection of areas is made by State Governments, having regard especially to the following criteria—

- (1) scope for agricultural development;
- (2) contiguity to existing blocks;
- (3) adequate representation for backward areas;
- (4) preference to Gramdan villages;
- (5) proximity of Extension training and research Centres.

Mileage of Railway Track

*1374. Shrimati Masda Ahmed: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the present mileage of Railway Track which is under speed restrictions due to arrears of replacement of sleepers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have undertaken to expedite the work?