

arrivals are now improving. In order to assist the West Bengal Government to overcome this difficulty, the Government of India have already supplied 42,000 tons of rice to the West Bengal Government for distribution in the months of January and February. The Government of India have also agreed to meet the requirements of the State Government for the month of March and will make every effort to meet the reasonable requirements of the West Bengal Government for the rest of the year.

#### Bogies for High Officials

1356. Shri N. B. Maiti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether certain bogies in certain Mail trains carry boards bearing the words "High Officials" indicating that these bogies are for the exclusive use of these officials,

(b) if so, the categories of officials included in this term, and

(c) the reasons for introduction or continuance of this practice?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Irrigation and Flood Protection Schemes

1357. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the amount of money sanctioned for irrigation for Manipur Territory in 1958-59,

(b) the amount spent for flood protection for the year and

(c) the schemes undertaken for Imphal and Iriul rivers?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) Nil

(b) Rs 1.28 lakhs up to the end of January, 1959

(c) (1) Raising Imphal River right and left bunds by an average height of 4 feet to provide for a free board of 3 feet above the high flood level and widening these bunds by 4 feet to make the top width 12 feet over a length of 26 miles and 5 furlongs

(2) Raising the Iriul River right bund by an average height of 4 feet to give a free board of 4 feet above the high flood level and widening the bund by 10 feet to make the top width 15 feet over a length of 13 miles and 7 furlongs

#### Central Mechanised Farm at Suratgarh

1358. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the nature and details of new schemes of animal husbandry and horticulture to be started at the Central Mechanised Farm at Suratgarh (Rajasthan)?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The details are as follows —

#### A Animal Husbandry Schemes

*Cattle Breeding* 20 Hariana breed of heifers of high pedigree with one bull will be maintained on mixed farming basis for multiplication and upgrading indigenous stock

*Sheep Breeding* 200 ewes and 8 rams of Bikaneri breed will be kept for development and distribution in the region

*Poultry Breeding* A foundation stock of 50 pullets and 10 cockrels of white leghorn breed will be maintained for multiplication and distribution in the region

#### B Horticulture

An area of 62 acres will be put under orchard and planted with the following fruit plants —

Malta and pine-apple, Grape fruit, Grape vine, Mosambi, Date Palm