

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): A statement showing the steps taken in regard to fodder production is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, VI annexure No. 22.]

As regards Rinderpest the scheme on eradication of this disease has been transferred to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is setting up a Central Rinderpest Control Committee to initiate the work and to control progress and administer a Pilot Project.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN BOMBAY

*1376. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for the development of National Highways in the State of Bombay during 1952-53;

(b) the amount allotted for the year 1953-54;

(c) whether Government have received any proposals for National Highways Development from the Bombay Government; and

(d) if so, what are those proposals?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Rs. 50.35 lakh.

(b) Rs. 85.98 lakh has been allotted so far.

(c) and (d). Proposals in respect of 21 development works estimated to cost Rs. 100.70 lakh have so far been received during the current financial year. Out of these, 17 works estimated to cost Rs. 79.50 lakh have been sanctioned and the rest are under consideration.

FIROZABAD RAILWAY STATION

*1377. **Ch. Baghubir Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have acquired some plots on the siding of the Ferozabad Railway Station for the construction of new quarters for the Railway employees;

(b) If so, when the work of construction is going to start; and

(c) what amount of expenditure Government propose to incur on this construction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not just at present.

(c) Does not arise.

FORD FOUNDATION AGREEMENT

*1378. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total sum to be administered by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture under the last Ford Foundation Agreement;

(b) the different heads under which the sum is to be expended and the amounts thereof; and

(c) the arrangements made to give effect to the programme of work envisaged?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Rs. 21,40,700

(b) (i) Publication of a journal for Village Cultivators—Rs. 1,20,500.

(ii) Establishment of Extension Departments to 5 Agricultural Colleges—Rs. 20,20,200.

(c) (i) The publication of monthly journal Dharti-ke-lal, which is an illustrated news sheet written in a very simple language for new literates in the villages especially those situated in areas where community projects are located, has been initiated and two issues of the journal for the months of October and November, 1953 have been brought out.

(ii) Three Extension Departments to be attached to Agricultural Colleges at Nagpur, Tollygunge and Poona in the States of Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Bombay respectively have already been sanctioned, while negotiations with the Governments of