

The loan was given to enable the State Government to help Municipalities to purchase trucks for the transport of refuse materials to trenching grounds and to distribute compost manure to the cultivators. The grant was given to enable State Government to subsidise excavation of trenches and to meet losses in transport.

The quantity of compost manure produced and distributed in the Punjab State during 1950-51 and 1951-52 is as follows:

Year	Production	Distribution
	Tons.	Tons
1950-51	22,02,306	12,10,740
1951-52	16,21,152	12,06,083

दिल्ली की नगरपालिकाओं का एकीकरण

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(क) क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार दिल्ली में वर्तमान नगरपालिकाओं को मिला कर एक नगर निगम बनाने का विचार कर रही है, और

(ख) यदि विचार कर रही है, तो क्या उसके लिये कोई विधेयक तैयार किया जा रहा है और यह कब तक सदन के सामने आ सकेगा ?

AMALGAMATION OF MUNICIPAL BODIES IN DELHI

[*381. Shri N. Prabhakar: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government contemplate forming a city corporation by the amalgamation of the existing municipal bodies in Delhi?

(b) If so, is any Bill being drafted for the purpose and when is it expected to come before the House?]

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). A Bill had been prepared but owing to changed circumstances in Delhi the question is now under consideration in consultation with the Delhi State Government.

BUTTER

52. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of butter imported into India; and

(b) the quantity of butter exported from India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Imports of butter by sea since 1948-49 have been as follows:

1948-49	252 tons
1949-50	638 "
1950-51	573 "
1951-52	897 "

(for 11 months April 1951 to Feb. 1952.)

(b) Since 1948-49 there have not been any exports of butter by sea from India.

Information on imports and exports of butter by land is not yet available.

RESERVE STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

53. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the quantity of reserve foodgrains at the disposal of the Government of India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Total quantity of foodgrains held in various Central Reserve Depots on 23-5-52 was 2,73,000 tons. This is in addition to about 30 lakh tons held by the State Governments.

NADIAR-KAPADVANJ RAILWAY LINE

54. Shri Dabhi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to convert the narrow gauge Nadiar Kapadvanj Railway line of the Western Railway into a broad gauge Railway line and if so, when?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): There is no such proposal at present.

DARWHA-PUSAIL METRE GAUGE LINE

55. Shri G. R. Khedkar: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state if it is a fact that Darwha-Pusail metre-gauge line removed in war time,