

tract on Western Railway is to be remodelled;

(b) whether the expenditure for the same is included in budget for 1952-53; and

(c) whether the work will be taken in hand this year?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The proposal for the remodelling of this station is under consideration.

(b) and (c). No.

RAILWAY CLAIMS

138. Shri Ramananda Das: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total amount of compensation and claims paid by Railways on account of (i) theft of property of private parties; (ii) loss of properties of private parties; and (iii) damages of property in 1951-52?

(b) What steps have the Government of India taken to avert it?

(c) In how many cases the culprits have been detected?

(d) How many of them have been punished in Courts?

(e) How many officers and other employees of the Railways were found guilty and how many of them have been punished?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The information in the form asked for by the hon. Member is not readily available and is being specially compiled. It will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as ready.

LIVESTOCK

139. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far for improvement of livestock in India;

(b) the number of milch cattle available in India;

(c) the number of milch cattle slaughtered every year showing separately the number of cows and she-buffaloes; and

(d) the number of draught cattle specially bulls available in the country

and the number required for meeting the needs of agriculture?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The measures taken by Government in connection with the work of 'livestock improvement are:—

- (1) Research relating to the breeding of pedigree stock, prevention and treatment of contagious animal diseases, preparation of vaccines and sera, artificial insemination, animal nutrition and dairying, is being conducted at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar and Mukteswar, and the Indian Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore. The results of research are made known to the public and to the State Governments from time to time.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research also have financed and continue to finance several schemes of research for improvement of livestock in the country. Reports of the Council containing details of the work undertaken and results obtained are available in the Library of the House.

A comprehensive plan for the development of cattle in India has been included in the National Plan and is being implemented.

- (2) Arrangements exist for the collection and dissemination of timely information in regard to outbreaks of animal diseases with a view to enable the State Governments and the public, to take steps to control the diseases and to prevent their spreading out.
- (3) Under the Livestock Importation Act of 1898 enacted by the Central Government, the import of livestock is controlled and measures are taken by the State Governments to ensure that no new diseases are introduced into India.

(b) 19.7 millions excluding milch buffaloes.

(c) Information is not available with Government.