

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes. Further investigations are proposed to be conducted to establish the real source of contamination which resulted in the paralysis cases in Malda.

(b) Both wheat flour and mustard oil suspected to be contaminated have been frozen and all concerned have been warned.

Locust Invasion in Assam

1621. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam is also threatened with locust invasion after about a month; and

(b) if so, what arrangements are being made to avoid the menace?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Due to heavy infestation of locust in the country, there is a possibility of swarms reaching as far east as Assam.

(b) All possible anti-locust operations are taken to destroy the locusts, but in spite of all these measures it would not be possible to prevent their flight towards east. In order to deal with the locust situation in Assam, the State Government has already been forewarned to make adequate preparations for effective anti-locust operations. The Central Plant Protection Station at Gauhati has been adequately strengthened to render all possible technical and material assistance to the Government of Assam.

Hydrographic Survey of Bay of Cambay

1622. Shri D. J. Naik: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2286 on the 30th May, 1962 and state the progress since made in regard to consideration of hydrographic survey of the Bay of Cambay by the Survey Committee?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communi-

cations (Shri Raj Bahadur): The question of the hydrographic survey of the gulf of Cambay was discussed at the meeting of the Hydrographic Survey Committee of the National Harbour Board held at New Delhi on the 27th July, 1962. With the equipment available at present with the Naval Hydrographic Branch, surveys can be carried out up to a distance of 7 to 10 miles only from the coast. The Gulf of Cambay being about 30 miles wide, surveys can cover stretches of 7 to 10 miles each from the coast on both sides of the Gulf and the gap in between 10 to 16 miles in width, cannot be surveyed. The Committee, therefore, decided that the survey could be undertaken only when the necessary electronic equipment became available.

Kalkalighat-Agartala Railway Line on N. F. Railway.

1623. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of new line "Kalkalighat Agartala" in Northeast Frontier Railway; and

(b) the target date for the completion of the work and whether the work is progressing according to schedule?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) the overall progress on the Kalkalighat—Dharmanagar line is 37 per cent.

(b) The line is expected to be opened to goods traffic in April 1963 and to passenger traffic in November, 1963. The work is progressing according to the schedule.

Per Capita Consumption of Milk

1624. Shri D. C. Shatma: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that *per capita* consumption of milk in India has steadily gone down; and