

2000 birds in the whole country. The study has not reported any declining trend in the population of this species. The following measures have been taken to ensure conservation of the Great Indian Bustard :

- (i) A network of national parks and sanctuaries have been established in various states which are known habitats of the bird to protect the species and its habitat.
  - (ii) Central assistance is given to the States whenever requested for improved management of these Sanctuaries and national parks.
  - (iii) The bird is placed in Schedule I of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby giving the species maximum legal protection.
  - (iv) Trade in scheduled species and its products is totally banned by law.
  - (v) India is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which regulates the international trade in endangered species. This species is placed in Appendix I of the CITES.
  - (vi) State Governments take up awareness programmes for educating people about the importance of the wild life of the country and necessity of protecting it.
- (d) and (e). No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Indian Veterinary Research Institute

3942. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of the total annual budget of the Indian Veterinary Research Institute being spent on salaries of the employees and on research separately; and

(b) the number of techniques developed by the institute for the benefit of the farmers during the last three years and the efforts made to make them available to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Salary of Employees 52%

Research activities 48%

(b) Four types of techniques viz new strains of pigs; immunodiagnosics/vaccines against foot and

mouth disease, theileria, babesia, infectious bursal disease; processing meat and bone meal and evolving non-conventional feed rations have been developed.

The techniques were made available to the farmers through extension activities of the institute including publication of pamphlets and organisation of health camps.

[English]

#### Railway Line

3943. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to lay an additional railway line between Bardhaman and Howrah via H.B. Chord;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

#### Passenger Amenities

3944. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the New Jalpaiguri Railway station of North Frontier Railway is lacking in civil amenities like toilet, drinking water, stalls at platform and other passenger facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Over-Bridge

3945. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct over-bridge on Gurpa and Gajhandi stations on Gaya-Koderma section under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. These stations are dealing with meagre volume of passenger traffic. Provision of foot-over-bridges at the stations will be considered when so warranted by increase in volume of passenger traffic.