

(d) how much money Government propose to spend in the year 1952 and 1953 for the improvement of the breed of cattle;

(e) whether the condition of bovine cattle is improving or deteriorating according to the official information; and

(f) what efforts Government have made during the last five years to improve the condition of the cattle in the country and how far and to what extent have they succeeded?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) The total amount sanctioned by the Government of India on the 'Grow More Food' Campaign from 1945-46 to 1951-52 was as follows:—

Loans	Rs. 3615·54 lakhs
Grants and Food Bonus	Rs. 3354·63 lakhs
TOTAL	Rs. 6970·17 lakhs

(b) Rs. 20 lakhs.

(c) Yes. Until 1948-49, animal husbandry schemes were eligible for assistance under the 'Grow More Food' Campaign. During 1945-46 to 1948-49 grants amounting to Rs. 11·17 lakhs were sanctioned for animal husbandry schemes.

(d) It is proposed to spend Rs. 31·50 lakhs in 1952-53 and about Rs. 68 lakhs in 1953-54.

(e) No official survey has been undertaken nor is any precise information available to enable a definite verdict being pronounced in the matter. There is however a general belief that cattle have deteriorated in recent months.

(f) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the reply given to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 139 asked by Shri Jhulan Sinha on the 10th June, 1952.

A comprehensive plan viz., Key Village Scheme for bringing about a speedy improvement of the cattle wealth of the country has been recommended by the Planning Commission in their draft Plan. As a forerunner to the scheme a sum of Rs. 8·82 lakhs was sanctioned for the establishment of 94 Key Farm Centres during the year 1951-52. Of these 55 have started functioning and the rest are in the process of getting starting. These Centres will be merged in the All India Key Village Scheme which is to come into operation in the current year.

Per Capita CONSUMPTION OF GHEE

654. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the total output of Ghee in the years 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1951 in India and what was the *per capita* consumption in the country in these years?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): Estimates of Ghee production on the basis of the 1951 Livestock Census are not yet available as complete returns of the Census have not yet been compiled by all States.

A statement giving the available information for the years 1940 and 1945 is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Year	Production of ghee	Annual <i>per capita</i> consumption (Seers)
1935	Not available	Not available
1940	140·22*	1·4*
1945	111·67	1·3
1951	Not available	Not available

*Relate to pre-partitioned India.

Per Capita CONSUMPTION OF MILK

655. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the total output of milk in the year 1935, 1940, 1945 and 1951 in India and what was the *per capita* consumption in India in these years?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): A statement giving the available information for the years 1935, 1940 and 1945 is placed on the Table of the House. For 1951, estimates of milk production are not yet available as complete returns of the Livestock Census, 1951, have not yet been compiled by all States.

STATEMENT

Production of Milk and per capita consumption

Year	Production of milk (Lakh mds.)	Daily <i>per capita</i> consumption (ozs.)
1935	6,199*	6·6*
1940	4,584†	5·8*
1945	4,815†	4·45†
1951	Not available	Not available

*Relate to pre-partitioned India.

†Relate to post-partitioned India.