

COWS AND BUFFALOES (YIELD)

656. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to official information the yield of milk per cow and buffalo has increased or decreased during the last fifteen years;

(b) whether Government will indicate the rate of increase or decrease as the case may be;

(c) whether Government have made any attempts to inquire into the causes of the deterioration among the cattle; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to set up in the near future any machinery to go into the question with a view to stop deterioration?

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

(a) and (b). Precise statistical information regarding the yield of milk per cow and buffalo is not available, as Pedigree Registration and Milk Recording have not yet been taken up on a sufficiently large scale in the country.

(c) No specific enquiry has been made in this connection, but during the marketing survey conducted by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection in 1948-49, it was observed that producers, cattle-dealers, dairymen, etc., were generally of the view that the milk-producing capacity of Indian cattle had deteriorated during recent years. It is well-known that the deterioration is due to inadequate feeding, use of scrub bulls and larger number of cattle with the owners than they can actually maintain.

(d) A scheme prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for working out a suitable sampling technique for the collection of statistics of livestock production including milk is under consideration.

SERA AND SACRINE

657. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of drugs manufactured and imported in India in 1950 and 1951;

(b) the number of commercial firms, laboratories and factories which manufacture Sera and Sacrine; and

(c) whether Sera and Sacrine manufactured in India are adequate for our requirements?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) the following is an estimate of the value of drugs imported into and manufactured in the country for 1950 and 1951:—

	Imported	Manufactured
1950	Rs. 9.93 crores	Rs. 6 crores
1951	Rs. 15.15 crores	Rs. 7 crores.

(b) The hon. Member presumably has in mind 'Sera and Vaccines'. There are at present four commercial firms and three Government institutions manufacturing Sera and Vaccines in the country.

(c) Vaccine lymph, Cholera Vaccine, T.A.B. Vaccines, Antirabic Vaccine, B.C.G. Vaccine and Anti-venom Serum are produced in the country in quantities sufficient to meet internal demands. The production of other Sera and Vaccines is not adequate to meet the internal requirements.

KAKINADA-PITTAPURAM RAILWAY LINK

658. **Shri Mohana Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct a new Railway line from Kakinada to Pittapuram (Southern Railways) to divert the main Railway line through Kakinada to open Mail Stopping at Kakinada;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government ordered to survey the lands;

(c) whether it is a fact that the survey was not yet started; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a) to (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a). No. The matter is still under consideration of the Central Board of Transport.

(b) Yes. The survey was carried out and completed.

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

KAKINADA-KOTIPALLI RAILWAY LINE

659. **Shri Mohana Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstruct a Railway line between Kakinada and Kotipalli (Southern Railway); and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). The question of restoration of Cocanada-Kotipalli Branch line is still under consideration.