

traffic, price of electricity and other factors. In the Bombay Suburban area the figures may be taken as follows:—

Electric traction—Rs. 2.97.

Steam traction—Rs. 5.43

(d) The Up and Down through line between Bandra and Borivli comprising about 25 miles on the Western Railway has been programmed for electrification during 1953-54.

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

1063. Shri Jasani: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what quantities of food-grains are likely to be procured in the year 1953?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): About 25 lakh tons is the approximate estimate.

CONTROLLED SUGAR

**1064. { Shri Bahadur Singh:
Sardar Hukam Singh:**

(a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the balance of the stock of controlled sugar on the 31st December, 1952?

(b) What quantity out of this has since been released for sale up to the 31st January, 1953?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The total controlled stocks of 1951-52 sugar with the sugar mills on 31st December, 1952, were 3.03 lakh tons. The entire quantity was released during the month of January, 1953.

ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT FOR TRAINING PILOTS

1065. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number, types and total cost of aircraft, if any, acquired by the Government of India, for purposes of training pilots in India, up to 1st January, 1953;

(b) the number of such aircraft still in service.

(c) how many pilots have been trained so far on these aircraft; and

(d) what is the number of pilots undergoing training on these aircraft at present?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram: (a)—

Aircraft type	No.	Cost	Remarks
		Rs.	
(1) Tiger Moth	80	13,80,890	Bought before the war
(2) Other Moths	4		
(3) Chipmunk	36	179,14,780	Bought after the war
(4) Anson	12	37,32,100	
(5) Dakota	2	2,82,479	
(6) L-5	15	1,05,000	
(7) Tiger Moth	2	16,000	
Total	151	72,39,315	

(b) 28 Tiger Moths, 30 Chipmunks, 10 Ansons, 2 Dakotas and 5 L-5s.

(c) Upto the 31st March 1953, 1902 'A', 70 'A' 1 and 385 'B' pilots have been trained at the Flying Clubs. These have been trained by the Clubs both on the aircraft owned by the Clubs themselves and those loaned to the Clubs by Government. It is not possible to separate the number of pilots trained at the Clubs on Government aircraft alone. Besides these pilots, the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad has trained 20 Assistant Pilot Instructors, 48 'B' pilots and 32 pilots for conversion courses on Dakota aircraft.

(d) On the 1st March 1953, 111 pilots for 'A' and 92 for 'B' licences were under training at the Flying Clubs. The Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad, has under training 4 pilots for 'B' licence, 18 for Dakota conversions.

PATNA-RANCHI ROAD

1066. Shri N. P. Sinha: (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what amount has been spent over the construction of a new road in place of the old Patna-Ranchi road a portion which has gone under water near Tilaiya Dam?

(b) How many miles of the old road have submerged and how many miles of the new road have been constructed?

(c) Was there a bridge over the old submerged road?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Rs. 20 lakhs including cost of two major bridges.

(b) A length of 1½ miles of the old road was submerged during the last monsoon. The length of new road is 4½ miles.