

Shri Alagesan: Sir, it depends upon the needs and requirements of the various States. They make a report and then it is done.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, the total mileage of roads tarred and cemented in Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh during 1952-53?

Shri Alagesan: I would require notice.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know, Sir, if the tempo of Expenditure on the construction of national highways in these three States is in accordance with the schedule envisaged in the Five Year Plan?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know, Sir, whether Madhya Pradesh comes into the picture in this?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Madhya Pradesh is not in the question at all.

Shri M. D. Joshi: May I know, Sir, the total mileage of new national highways contemplated to be constructed in the year 1953-54?

Shri Alagesan: For that also, I would require notice.

BRIDGES IN PUNJAB

*971. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new bridges are going to be constructed in the Punjab during the next three years; and

(b) whether the Central Government have received any representation in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) It is presumed that the question relates to the National Highways in the Punjab for which the Government of India have accepted financial liability provisionally. A number of bridges on these highways are proposed to be constructed during the next three years.

(b) No.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the Government of the Punjab

have sent a representation to the Ministry here to the effect that a bridge at Soan near Una is a great necessity for several reasons?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir; that bridge is on a State highway and as such, we cannot take any responsibility for the construction of that bridge.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the Government of India have received any representation from the Punjab Government that a bridge near Guler in the Kangra district is a great necessity because it has some strategic importance?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir. But it is on a State highway and not on a national highway.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the Government of India have received any representation from the Government of the Punjab that a bridge near Dera Gopipur is a great necessity on account of its trade and strategic importance?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: How does he expect the hon. Minister to remember all these places and bridges thereon?

Prof. D. C. Sharma: The hon. Minister is in charge of transport over the whole of this country and he should know all these things.

Shri Alagesan: It is on a State highway, Sir.

BLOODMEAL FOR MANURIAL PURPOSES

*973. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempts have been made to utilise animal blood from slaughter houses for manurial purposes;

(b) whether any experiments were carried out to find out the manurial contents in the blood;

(c) the estimated quantity of blood that can be gathered annually for this purpose in India; and