

MILCH CATTLE

439. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of milch cattle in the country according to the latest figures available and what was the number ten years ago?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The following are the figures (in thousands) for numbers of milch cattle in India in 1940, 1945 and 1950:

	1940*	1945*	1950@
Cows over 3 years	43,673	43,622*	48,549
She-buff- aloes over 3 years	19,199	20,000	21,419
TOTAL:	62,872	63,622	69,968

In the figures for 1940 and 1945 figures relating to areas now comprising Pakistan have been excluded: yet these figures are not strictly comparable, as all the areas for which figures are given above did not participate in all the three Censuses. Subject to this reservation the estimates do not show any appreciable variation in the number of milch cattle.

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४४०. सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या रेल

मन्त्री अप्रैल से जून १९५३ के बीच चलती गाड़ियों में हुई चोरियों तथा डाकों की संख्या बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The number of thefts and dacoities committed in running trains from April to June 1953 is 1617 and 1 respectively.

*Published @Estimates

JAPANESE METHOD OF RICE CULTIVATION

441. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what kind of assistance has been given by the Centre to the State Governments for cultivation of rice by Japanese method?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The Government of India have helped the States by making available technical guidance and publicity material for organising the campaign and by reducing the price of ammonium sulphate from Rs. 365/- to Rs. 290/- per ton ex Sindri both in respect of new purchases as well as the old stocks lying with the States. Besides this the Government of India have also sanctioned short-term loans to State Governments to enable them to supply sulphate of ammonia to cultivators on credit.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

442. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total mileage of roads which have been taken up by the Government of India as National Highways since January, 1950?

(b) In which State or States do those roads lie?

(c) What is the total amount so far spent on their construction or repair?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 28.]

GODOWNS

443. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build additional godowns at Indian ports for storing foodgrains;

(b) if so, the names of such ports and cost of such godowns; and