

## LOCOMOTIVES

**43. Shrimati Kamlendu Mati Shah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of an Indian manufactured locomotive;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target of production for the year 1953-54; and

(c) the total annual requirements of the Indian Railways for these locomotives?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Rs. 5.35 lakhs for a broad gauge locomotive and Rs. 3.35 to Rs. 3.50 lakhs, according to the type, for a metre-gauge locomotive, excluding development costs.

(b) Yes.

(c) The total annual replacement requirements of the Indian Railways based on present holdings are 125 broad gauge locomotives and 57 metre-gauge locomotives. Narrow gauge locomotives and additional engines of all gauges required for traffic increases are not included in these figures.

## IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN RAJASTHAN

**44. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the financial aid given for minor irrigation schemes to Rajasthan from 1949-50 to 1952-53;

(b) whether the aid given each year was fully utilised;

(c) the extent of area brought under irrigation due to completion of the new schemes; and

(d) the additional production in tons of cereals as a result?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) to (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 5.]

## WASTE LANDS IN RAJASTHAN

**45. Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of cultivable waste land in Rajasthan in the year 1953;

(b) the area of cultivable waste land brought under cultivation year-wise, from 1949 up to date; and

(c) the proportion which the land so brought under cultivation bears to cultivated land in 1948?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The required information for 1953 is not available. In 1950-51, the latest year for which Land Utilization Statistics are available culturable waste amounted to 18.64 million acres.

(b) The required information is given below:

| Year | Amount of fresh land reclaimed or brought under cultivation |
|------|---|
|      | (Acres)   |
| 1949 | 46,070  |
| 1950 | 128,969   |
| 1951 | 94,389  |
| 1952 | 138,128   |
| 1953 | 33,860  |
|      | (incomplete)  |

(c) The area reporting for Land Utilization Statistics in Rajasthan has increased from 20.7 million acres in 1947-48 to 76.3 million acres in 1950-51. Out of the reporting area of 20.7 million acres in 1947-48, the net sown area was 8.4 million acres. As the figure of net sown area for 1947-48 does not relate to the entire State, any comparison of the additional land reclaimed with the net sown area in 1947-48 may not lead to any valid conclusions.

## TELEPHONES IN BOMBAY

**46. Shri Gidwai:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a door-to-door survey has been carried out