

(d) The tractors were transferred to the Government of Vindhya Pradesh on the 1st April, 1953, and responsibility for the maintenance of the tractors is that of the State Government from that date.

(e) The information is awaited from the State Government.

#### KEY FARM CENTRES

**541. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bulls allotted to the key Farm Centres in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of artificial insemination centres that have been opened there; and

(c) the total annual expenditure incurred on these during 1953-54?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 96.

(b) None.

(c) Nil.

#### STORES UTILIZED IN 1953-54

**542. Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of stores utilised by Departments under the Ministry of Communications during 1953-54 under the following heads:—

(i) stores indented on Director General of Supplies;

(ii) stores purchased departmentally;

(iii) stores manufactured in the Departmental workshops; and

(b) the total value of stores lying unused with them?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as possible.

#### MYSTERY DISEASE

**543. Shrimati Kamlendu Mati Shah:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical opinion is that the Mystery Disease is due to insanitary conditions prevailing in various localities; and

(b) if so, the steps that Government propose to take to remove those conditions to check up this disease?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Medical opinion cannot as yet define the causes of the mystery disease but it is held that insanitary conditions prevailing in various localities may indirectly be the cause of the disease.

(b) Government have advised the public to remove insanitary conditions as far as possible and have also by D.D.T. spraying destroyed noxious insects that breed amidst insanitary conditions.

#### NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

**544. Mulla Abdullahhai:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of miles of National Highways that have been developed so far in 1954-55; and

(b) the number of miles among them which have been constructed in Madhya Pradesh?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 280 miles.

(b) 2 miles. Besides this, 25 miles have been improved so far in 1954-55 in Madhya Pradesh.

#### RAISED PLATFORMS AT RAILWAY STATIONS

**545. Shri Tushar Chatterjea:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion on which sanction is given for construction of raised platforms at Railway Stations; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for raising the platform of the Bankura Railway Station in West Bengal?