

the States of Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan. Apart from a small focus in the Tribes of Ranchi plateau goitre is rare elsewhere in India.

(b) The Government of India have been advised that Goitre can be controlled by administering iodine in small quantities. This can best be done by iodising salt which is consumed both by rich and poor. It has accordingly been decided to carry out an initial goitre survey in three areas in Kangra district. Subsequently iodised salt will be distributed in two of the three areas for a period of 5 years followed by a final survey in all the three areas. The future line of action will be decided in the light of the findings of that Survey.

NEW ROADS

95. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the mileage of new roads constructed by the Central Government from the 1st April, 1950 to the 31st October, 1954;

(b) the names of the places where they have been constructed; and

(c) the amount spent thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) About 2,000 miles including the 2 ft. 4 ft., and 6 ft. tracks cut in Himachal Pradesh and Bilaspur.

(b) The new roads constructed are in the following States, namely: An-

dhra, Bihar; Bombay; Madhya Pradesh; Madras; Orissa; Punjab; Uttar Pradesh; West Bengal; Saurashtra; Rajasthan; Delhi; Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Manipur, North East Frontier Area; Tripura; Ajmer; Bhopal; Himachal Pradesh including Bilaspur, Vindhya Pradesh, and Kutch.

(c) —

	Amount Rs. Lakhs	Period	Remarks
(i) On National Highways	360.77	From 1st April 1950 to 31st October 1954.	Figures of further expenditure upto 31st October 1954 are not available
(ii) On other than National Highways	348.12	From 1st April 1950 to 31st March 1954	Figures of further expenditure upto 31st October 1954 are not available

GROW MORE FOOD SCHEMES

96. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the money spent by the Central Government on the Grow More Food Campaign upto the 31st October, 1954?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The expenditure incurred by the Central Government from 1943-44 to 1952-53 inclusive, was about Rs. 54.34 crores. The figures of actual expenditure in the subsequent years are not available.