

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). No railway level crossings are being provided in Rajasthan during 1956-57 and no such demand has so far been received. However, the replacement of level crossing No. 223 between Jaipur and Gandhinagar at mile 149/4-5 by a road overbridge has been sanctioned. A similar proposal for the provision of a road over bridge at level crossing No. 224 at mile 149½ 14-15 near Jaipur is at present under correspondence with the Rajasthan Government.

#### RAILWAY BOOK STALLS

2064. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**  
**Shri Asthana:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to place on the Table of the Sabha a list of books and magazines which have been found undesirable for exhibition on Railway book stalls and a list of Tourist and Sarvoday literature to be popularised through these stalls?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** A statement is laid on the Table. [Placed in Library. [See No. S-184/56].

#### RURAL INDEBTEDNESS

2065. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of rural debt as estimated at present;

(b) how much of it is estimated to have been newly contracted after 1952; and

(c) the number of Land Mortgage Banks at present in the country?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b). No estimate of rural debt has been made so far. It is also not possible to give an estimate of the debt newly contracted after 1952.

(c) There were nine central Land Mortgage Banks and 291 primary Land Mortgage Banks in the country on 30-6-1954.

#### CATTLE DISEASE

2066. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any remedy has been discovered for prevention and cure of foot and mouth diseases in cattle; and

(b) in which part of India this disease is most prevalent?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) So far, no effective remedy has been found for the treatment of the disease, but a prophylactic vaccine has been evolved at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Mukteswar.

(b) The disease is prevalent throughout the country.

#### ASSAM RAILWAYS

2067. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of special locomotives at present provided for the Hill Section of the Assam Railways;

(b) the number actually required;

(c) the steps being taken to complete the requirement; and

(d) whether there is overcrowding due to lack of another train on the Section?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 21 (17 'Garratts' and 4 'K' Class).

(b) 21.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

#### RAILWAY FACILITIES IN ASSAM

2068. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have requested for additional passenger and parcel trains inside Assam and on the link line; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?