

loans to Rajasthan for Urban Water Supply and drainage schemes during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 does not therefore arise. Neither was any loan given to Rajasthan during 1954-55.

**N.E.S. Block at Ozkavar**

**928. Shri Velayudhan :** Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far for the N.E.S. Block at Ozkavar in Kerala State; and

(b) the items over which money was spent?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) :** (a) Rs. 2.44 lakhs upto September, 1956.

(b) Personnel, Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Extension, Health, Rural Sanitation, Social Education, Communications, Irrigation and Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries.

**N.E.S. Block-Cum-Community Project at Neyyattinkara**

**929. Shri Velayudhan :** Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent hitherto for the N.E.S. Block-cum-Community Project at Neyyattinkara in Kerala State, including the salaries of Officers etc.;

(b) the number of officers and staff members working there;

(c) the number of vehicles used in the Block;

(d) the various types of social uplift work done there;

(e) how many new houses for villagers were constructed; and

(f) how much money has been given as loan and for what purposes?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) :** (a) Rs. 42.5 lakhs upto 31st October, 1956.

(b) Project Executive Officer	1
Block Development Officers	2
Assistant Engineer	1
Supervisors (P.W.D.)	3
Agricultural Officers	3
Social Education Organisers	5
Cooperative Inspectors	2
Veterinary Officer	1
Dry Cattle Farm Manager	1
Stockmen	3
Gram Sevaks	30
Gram Sevikas	5

(c) 6.

(d) Organisation of Women's Welfare Centres, Community Recreation Centres, Young Men's Clubs, Sports Clubs, Young Farmers Clubs, Adult Literacy Centres, Rural Reconstruction Centres, Cultural Centres and Social Service Camps and Squads etc. These are in addition to the activities taken up under the programme of 'Rural Health & Sanitation' viz. Provision of Medical Aid, Construction of new wells and sanitization of old wells, provision of village drainage, pavement of village streets, construction of sanitary latrines & introduction of smokeless Chulhas etc.

(e) 80.

(f) Industrial loans Rs. 1.01 lakhs. Agricultural loans Rs. 3.57 lakhs.

**Railway Passenger Guides**

**930. Shri Bheeka Bhai :** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway passenger guides appointed so far on various railways;

(b) the number of lady passenger guides; and

(c) the nature of their duties?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) 220.

(b) 52

(c) The main duty of a Passenger Guide is to render assistance to passengers generally and particularly to III Class passengers, so as to ensure that the passengers get the requisite comfort and amenity in station premises and in trains.

**Pan Cultivation**

**931. Shri Shivnanjappa :** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes relating to *Pan* cultivation were examined by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Horticultural Committee in New Delhi on 25th October, 1956;

(b) if so, the States where *Pan* cultivation is going on at present;

(c) the total acreage of this cultivation at present; and

(d) the features of improvement schemes of this cultivation, if any?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) :** (a) Yes, schemes for research *pan* cultivation received from U.P., Madras and Madhya Pradesh were considered by the Horticulture committee in October, 1956.