

(c) 1,313 head, comprising of 1,001 head of cattle and 312 buffaloes.

Package Scheme in Kerala

2257. Shri Maniyanganadan: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "package scheme" for intensive production of foodgrains has started functioning in Kerala; and

(b) what are the areas brought under the scheme in the State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes. The two districts of Palghat & Alleppey selected for implementation of the Intensive Agricultural District Programme (Package Programme) in Kerala State are at present in the preparatory stage. They are expected to complete action on the various preparatory measures, indicated below, by the Kharif season, 1962 when the scheme will be launched in the field:

- (i) Selection of area within the district for implementing the Programme during the first and subsequent years;
 - (ii) strengthening of Cooperative institutions in the areas selected for coverage;
 - (iii) creating a general awareness among the farmers and non-official agencies, such as Panchayats and Cooperatives, to secure their participation;
 - (iv) selection, appointment and posting of additional staff;
 - (v) training of staff;
 - (vi) organisation of a resource and production bench-mark survey;
 - (vii) assessing the need for supplies; and
 - (viii) construction and hiring of storage godowns.
- (b) 5 out of 15 blocks in Palghat and 5 out of 17 blocks in Alleppey district are proposed to be covered

under the programme during the first year i.e., 1962-63.

Una-Hamirpur Direct Trunk Line

2258. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct trunk telephone channel between Una and Hamirpur in Punjab which is a remote hilly backward area and has three block headquarters; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) The traffic does not justify the outlay involved.

Ayurvedic Institutions in Punjab

2259. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state the amounts of grants paid to different Ayurvedic institutions in Punjab during the Second Five Year Plan period, year-wise?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): The Government of India have paid no grants directly to any of the Ayurvedic institutions in Punjab during the Second Five Year Plan period. An amount of Rs. 1.74 lakhs was, however, allocated to the Government of Punjab for each of the years 1959-60 and 1960-61 for the development of Indigenous Systems of Medicine.

Luxury Coach Service

2260. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Government have recently introduced a Luxury Coach Bus Service between Agra and Lucknow;

(b) if so, the cost of its establishment; and

(c) whether Government of India made any contributions towards its establishment?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Transport and Communications are not aware of the introduction by the Uttar Pradesh Government of a Luxury Coach Bus Service between Agra and Lucknow and of the cost of its establishment. Contributions towards such services from the Centre are not made.

National Highway in Bihar

2261. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the project of the construction of a National Highway connecting the present road in Purnea District No. 1 Section 2 in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the work of construction of the road has begun; and

(c) if so, the progress thereof?

The Minister for Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). Presumably the member refers to the section of the National Highway No. 31 that passes through Purnea District of Bihar. In this portion, there is a missing link of about 17 miles between Kosi bridge site near Kursela and Phulberia. Road in this missing link is under construction under the International Development Association Credit programme and is scheduled to be completed by September 1964.

(c) Investigation for the nature of soil is in progress. Earthwork in some sections has been recently taken in hand.

Bridge in Bihar

2262. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bridge has been constructed on the Dingraha river in the district of Purnea in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether any provision has been made for the approach road to this bridge; and

(c) if not, when Government propose to take up the work of construction of the approach road?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes Sir; the bridge work across the river Mahananda at Dingraha is nearing completion.

(b) The approach roads to the bridge are also in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

Power Supply in Bihar

2263. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided upon any programme in the Third Five Year Plan for making available power to industry, agriculture and small scale industry in the district of Purnea in Bihar State; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Purnea District will be supplied power from the North Bihar Grid on the commissioning of the Barauni Thermal Station and the Kosi Hydel Project during the Third Five Year Plan.

Quarters for Railway Employees at Nangal Dam

2264. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters constructed for Railway employees at