

by a foreign firm have been found to be unserviceable;

(b) whether these have been examined by the wood experts of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, who visited Bombay for the purpose,

(c) whether the exporters have been paid in full,

(d) what is the amount of loss, and

(e) what steps have been taken to recover it?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No. Some of the sleepers, however, have developed cracks

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The matter is still under examination in consultation with the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun

(e) The defects have been brought to the notice of the suppliers, and their reply is still awaited

#### Extension of Railway Line beyond Madhopur

\*50 { Shri Inder J Malhotra.  
Shri M L Dwivedi.  
Pandit D N. Tiwari  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta  
Shri Padam Dev.  
Shri D C Sharma

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 657 on the 21st August, 1959 and state

(a) the alternative alignments which are under examination of the Central Government for extension of railway line beyond Madhopur into the State of Jammu and Kashmir,

(b) whether all the proposed alternative alignments have been discussed with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, by what time a final decision regarding the alignment of the railway line is likely to be arrived at?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) to (c) Extension of Railway line beyond Madhopur in the State of Jammu and Kashmir will involve crossing of the River Ravi. The alignment of the line beyond the Ravi depends upon the site of the river-crossing which is still under investigation. Before finalising the alignment, the State Government's views will also be asked for and considered. A decision can be taken only after the investigations are completed.

#### Survey of Indian Ocean

\*51 **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several countries will co-operate in an international project to survey the Indian Ocean,

(b) in what way India will participate in the survey, and

(c) what are the special features of the Indian Ocean in which the said survey is to be conducted?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M V Krishnappa):** The Prime Minister will give a reply to the question later

#### Cross-breeding Centre at Hyderabad

\*52. { Shri Nagi Reddy.  
Shri Ramam:  
Shri D V Rao

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have started a cross-breeding centre at Hyderabad, as a research project;

(b) if so, the number of bulls imported and the cost thereof, and