made to the Civil Authorities and the information will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

Written Answers

DEVELOPMENT OF BANANA

- 396. Shri B. N. Roy: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any scheme under consideration for the development of Banana?
- (b) If so, has any area been selected for the same in U.P. specially in the Tarai of that State?

The Minister of Food and Agiculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned a coordinated scheme for research on banana with a Central Station in Madras and two Regional Stations—one in Bombay and the other in West Bengal.

(b) No.

KEY VILLAGE SCHEME

- 397. Shri C. R. Chowdary: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the number of centres started under the Key Village Scheme in each State, in the year 1952-53?
- (b) What is the estimated cost of the scheme?
- (c) How much has been spent on key village schemes in each State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 21]

(b) The estimated cost of the Scheme, in so far as the Central Government is concerned is Rs. 293.53 lakhs for the period 1052-53 to 1955-56

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE JOINING KARWAR, BELEGAUM AND RAICHUR DISTRICTS

- 398. Shri Sivamurthi Swami: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any survey has so far been made to construct a new Railway line joining Karwar, Belegaum and Raichur Districts through main towns?
- (b) If so, when do Government propuse to construct the said railway line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

CRANES IN MAIOR PORTS

- 399. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of cranes installed on all the Major Ports in India and their numbers (dock-wise);
- (b) how many of them are electric cranes semi-portal and portal and oil terminals:
- (c) the number of new electric cranes installed in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras docks and the total cost of each; and
- (d) how many of them are indigenous. how many imported, and the price of each?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The Major Port Authorities have been asked to furnish the required information and on receipt of their replies, a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

बनारस और लखनऊ के रेलवे स्टेशन

४००. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगें:

- (क) रेट विभाग को १८५२ में बनारस और लवनऊ के रेलवे स्टेशनों पर टिकटों की विकी से कितनी आय हई;
- (ख) उसी अविध में इन स्टेशनों के बीच एक स्टेशन से दूसरे स्टेशन तक क्ष्मशः कितने यात्री आये गये: और
- (ग) रेड विभाग ने इन स्टेशनों पर यात्रियों की सुविधाओं के लिये क्रमशः कुल वितना व्यय किया ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when ready.

LABOUR UNIONS IN TRIPURA

- 401. Shri Biren Dutt: (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state how many Labour Unions have been registered in Tripura?
- (b) What is the total number of membership of these registered Unions?