

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

The number of locomotives produced by the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and the Tata Locomotive and Engineering Company Ltd. during 1952-53 up to 31-1-1953 are as follows:—

1. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works—
27.

2. Tata Locomotive & Engineering Coy.—25.

(b) Both concerns are equipped to manufacture locomotives of all gauges. But at present the Chittaranjan Locomotive works are engaged in producing Broad Gauge locomotives and the Tata Engineering & Locomotive Coy. Metre Gauge Locomotives.

(c) The average annual requirements of locomotives on renewal account are approximately 125 Broad Gauge, 57 Metre Gauge and 8 Narrow Gauge. The requirements on additional account depend upon the conditions of traffic, and the proportion is therefore variable.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

155. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any of the Railway workshops manufacture locomotives or boilers?

(b) If so, what are their names and the total annual output?

(c) What is the total strength of these workshops under (i) Labourers (ii) Artisans (iii) Officers, and the approximate cost of a locomotive and a boiler?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Attention of the Members is invited to parts (a) and (b) of his unstarred question No. 846 placed on the table of the House on 18-12-1952.

(c) Unskilled workmen	2,247
Artisans	... 2,229
Officers (Class I and II)	... 46

The average cost of a locomotive complete with boiler manufactured at Chittaranjan at present is estimated at Rs. 5.35 lakhs, excluding development costs which are being spread over a number of years' production.

MECHANIZED FARMING

156. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) which of the States have undertaken mechanized farming; and

(b) what measures Government are taking to popularize mechanized farming in India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) So far as the Government of India are aware, the following States have undertaken mechanised farming on State Farms:—

Assam, Bombay, Coorg, Manipur, Mysore, Orissa, Patiala & East Punjab States Union, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) The Government of India have been giving financial assistance to State Governments for grant of loans to cultivators for the purchase of tractors. Besides, Government are following a liberal policy with regard to the grant of licenses for the import of tractors and other agricultural equipment into the country. In order that tractors imported are assured of adequate service facilities and supplies of spare parts, it has been made obligatory for importing firms to maintain service facilities and import spare parts to the extent of 15 per cent. of the value of the tractors imported. As for State Governments, according to available information the undermentioned States have made arrangements under which the services of Government-owned tractors are made available, at fixed rates, for ad hoc work on farmers' fields:—

Andamans, Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Bhopal, Coorg, Hyderabad, Madras, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Mysore, Orissa, Patiala & East Punjab States Union, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Travancore-Cochin, Uttar Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, and West Bengal.

RAILWAY SCHOOLS

157. **Ch. Raghbir Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the grade of C.T. teachers in Railway schools at present?

(b) What was the grade of the above teachers in 1948?

(c) What is the grade of the above teachers in Government Schools?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The grade of C.T. teachers in the Railway Schools at present is Rs. 68-4-120-EB-5-170.

(b) The grade of the above teachers in 1948 was different from railway to

railway. The scales of pay on the following railways were as follows:—

	Rs.
Ex-B.B. & C. I.	68-4-120-EB-5-170
Ex-E. I.	55-3-85-EB-4-125-5-130
	75-5-120/8-200.
Ex-O. T.	75-5-120-EB-8-200.
Ex-B. N.	50-4/2-78-4/2-90-5/2-100.

(c) The grades of the above teachers in Government Schools are—

	Rs.
U. P.	75-5-120/8-200.
W. B.	50-4/2-78-4/2-90-5/2-100.
Bihar	55-3-85-EB-4-125-5-130.

बनारस-बलिया सड़क

१५७. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बनारस से बलिया जाने वाली सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजपथ योजना के अन्तर्गत एक राष्ट्रीय राज पथ बनाने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह तथ्य है कि यदि उक्त सड़क को एक राष्ट्रीय राजपथ बनाया गया

तो उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार ये दोनों राज्य उत्तर-पूर्व रेलवे के मांझी पुल द्वारा मिलाये जायेंगे : और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्यों नहीं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (c). No, because the road does not qualify for inclusion in the National Highway Scheme.

(b) The two States will be joined even if this road is developed as a State Highway.

CYCLONE IN MADRAS STATE

159. Shri Nambiar: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what measures of relief have been granted by the Union Government to the cyclone-affected people of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts in Madras State?

(b) Have Government received any reports from non-official sources to the effect that the estimated loss extends over Rs. 50 crores?

(c) If so, will Government place a statement on the Table of the House giving the full details up-to-date of the loss?

(d) Have any representations been received from official and non-official sources seeking help from the Centre and if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Nil.

(b) No.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) No.