

(g) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the landed cost (cost, insurance and freight) of these fertilisers at Indian Ports. If so, the average price has been as follows:—

Average c.i.f. value for the imported fertilisers work out to:—

	Rs.	As.
Super phosphate	188	13 - per ton.
Other phosphatic fertilizers	140	- - "
Muriate of potash	213	5 - "
Other potassic fertilizers	292	15 - "

(h) A statement will be laid on the table of the House when the foreign prices, which are being ascertained, are known.

#### VANASPATI

302. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the average price per ton (ex-factory) of the raw edible oils used in the manufacture of Vanaspati during the year 1953-54;

(b) the cost of manufacture of Vanaspati per ton during the above period; and

(c) the average ex-factory price of Vanaspati per ton during the above period?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Groundnut Oil forms more than 90 per cent. of the oils used in the manufacture of Vanaspati. Of the balance more than 5 per cent. is covered by sesame oil and the rest mainly by cottonseed oil. The prices of these oils vary from region to region. The average wholesale prices of groundnut, sesame and cottonseed oils in Bombay during 1953-54 were Rs. 1733/-. 1593/, 2160/-, per ton respectively.

(b) The cost of manufacture of Vanaspati works out to approximately Rs. 310/- per ton including cost of containers. Vanaspati is also subject to an Excise duty of Rs. 140/-, per ton.

(c) The average ex-factory price of Vanaspati in Bombay State during 1953-54, was Rs. 2,227/-, per ton.

#### SLAUGHTER HOUSE

303. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of cows and calves slaughtered for food and other purposes in the recognised slaughter houses at (a) Bombay, (b) Calcutta, (c) Madras and (d) Delhi during the years 1953 and 1954?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):**

Name of city	The total No. of cows and calves slaughtered for food and other purposes in recognised slaughter houses.	
	1953	1954 (January to October)
(a) Greater Bombay	157	230
(b) Calcutta	} The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha when available.	} Nil.
(c) Madras		
(d) Delhi		

#### NEW RAILWAY LINES

304. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for extension of railway lines in the

area to be covered by the network of Bhakra Canal in the Bikaner Division; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to connect Nohar with Churu via Taranagar and Sahwa in the Bikaner Division for the opening of the interior of this undeveloped part of Rajasthan?