

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI):  
(a) 129,000 kw., approximately, during the year 1959-60.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There have lately been no major breakdowns. However, a standby plant of 10,000 kw. exists in the Central Power House to meet any such emergency.

•548. [For answer, vide col. 3391 supra.]

#### **SURVEYS FOR NEW RAILWAY LINES**

♦549. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether surveys have been made by the Railway Administration for:

- (i) the Ahmedabad—Asarwa—Kapadwanj railway line; <ii> the Kandla—Viramgam broad gauge railway line; and
- (in) the Tardpur—Bhavnagar railway line; and

(b) if so, what is the length of these lines and what will be their cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

<a> Yes Sir;

(i) in 1927-28;

(ii) in 1947-48;

<iii> in 1956-57.

<b> Lengths are: (i)

33-5 miles; <ii>

152-4 miles; <iii>

87-5 miles.

As regards costs, fresh Surveys and Estimates will have to be carried out for items (i) and (ii). For item (iii),

the Abstract Estimate is Rs. 8 crores, but the figure is likely to go up.

#### **STATE MECHANISED FARMS**

•550. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to set up more State mechanised farms; and

(b) if so, where they are to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) No decision has yet been taken to set up more mechanised farms.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **MACARONI**

\*551. SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of macaroni produced in India in the year 1958; and

(b) whether any propaganda has so far been organised by Government to popularise macaroni among the people; and if so, what are the results of such propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) It is understood that the Central Food Technological Research Institute which is under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research produced 100 tons. Information about other sources is not available.

(b) The Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, had organised propaganda in Kerala State in collaboration with the State Government to popularise Macaroni. The Institute has published the results in a bulletin. Reports available indicate that the product was generally acceptable.