

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Exact information is not yet available whether the water mills in Dehar Khad used to remain idle during the summer season before the construction of Sidharthahar Canal. However, the Punjab Government, who are concerned with this scheme, have reported that even after withdrawing the water required for running the Sidharthahar Canal, there is enough water left in the Khad to run the existing water mills except for a short while before the monsoon during the years of exceptionally severe drought.

#### MULTI-PURPOSE FOOD WITHOUT CEREALS

\*577. DR. P. J. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's efforts to produce a multi-purpose food without using cereals have succeeded; and

(b) whether any efforts have been made to popularise this food (i) in areas deficit in foodgrains and (ii) in areas subject to crop failures; if so, in what ways, and if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) The Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore has developed a multi-purpose food using de-oiled groundnut flour and roasted Bengal gram as raw materials.

(b) (i) and (ii). Efforts are being made for the popularisation of this food. The measures that have been adopted includes demonstration of the uses of the food, popularisation of suitable recipes and distribution of the quantity made by the Central Food Technological Research Institute.

#### †NEW METHOD OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION

\*494. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a new method of road construction has been found by which the cost of construction of the metal road comes only to Rs. 25 thousand per mile?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): No new method has been found by which a conventional type of metal road can be constructed at a cost of Rs. 25,000/- per mile. Soil stabilised roads are, however, being tried on experimental basis in places where climatic conditions permit and where the cost is less than that of the conventional metal roads.

#### †PRODUCTION OF RAW JUTE IN TRIPURA

\*521. SHRI ABDUL LATIF: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the estimated production of raw jute in Tripura this year and the cost of its production per maund?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD<sup>a</sup> AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): The production of jute in the Tripura State during 1958-59 is estimated at 58,000 bales. Data regarding the cost of production of jute are not collected in Tripura and are therefore not available.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE FROM KOTTAVALASA TO BAILADILLA UNDER DANDAKARANYA SCHEME

577-A. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started construction of a new railway line from Kottavalasa to Bailadilla under the Dandakaranya Scheme; and