

not proposed any new air route pattern. On the basis of an examination made by a Technical Committee, the Corporation considered it desirable to make certain changes in the routes and frequencies of some of the air services at present being operated. These are proposed to be introduced as soon as the necessary preliminaries are completed.

(b) I lay on the Table a statement giving the routes and frequencies of all the services as they will be after the proposed changes are introduced. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 163.]

#### CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

\*327. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total capital outlay so far incurred on the Central Tractor Organisation;

(b) the total amount of recoveries so far effected by the Organisation for services rendered to various parties; and

(c) the present book value of the assets of the Organisation after providing for depreciation?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) : (a) The total capital outlay on the Central Tractor Organisation, as adjusted up to 31st March 1953, is Rs. 9,48,56,887-4-0.

(b) The total amount of recoveries adjusted up to 31st March 1953, is Rs. 1,93,31,574.

(c) The residual book value of the capital assets of the Organisation as on 1st April 1953, is Rs. 3,32,63,602.

#### LOCOMOTIVES, CARRIAGES AND WAGONS RECEIVED BY THE RAILWAYS

\*328. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of locomotives, carriages and wagons received by the railways during (i) the last six months of the financial year ending on 31st March 1953, and (ii) the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) the zone-wise distribution of the above locomotives, carriages and wagons; and

(c) the number of locomotives, wagons and carriages received from abroad during the said periods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a), (b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 164.]

#### CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

\*329. SHRI PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much out of the capital outlay so far invested on the Central Tractor Organisation has been spent on the purchase of (i) tractors, and (ii) spare parts for tractors;

(b) what is the mechanism for the purchase of these materials; and

(c) what is the estimated value of the unserviceable items of the above materials with the Central Tractor Organisation?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) : (a) Up to 31st March 1953, Rs. 1,92,86,270 had been spent on the purchase of tractors and Rs. 2,11,75,753 on the purchase of spares and other accessories. Spares and other consumable items of the value of Rs. 83,17,766 were used up to 31st March 1953.

(b) Ordinarily all purchases are made through the agency of Director-General of Supplies and Disposal.

(c) The balance sheet value of unserviceable tractors is Rs. 2,49,080 as

on 31st March 1953, while the balance sheet value of unserviceable spares and other consumable stores issues up to 31st March 1953 is nil as no pricing of unserviceable items is done at the time of their return.

Spares and other accessories of the value of Rs. 1,28,57,987 were held in stock on 1st April 1953.

#### "INDIAN FARMING" AND "KHETI"

\*330. SHRI PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total circulation of the journals *Indian Farming* and *Kheti*, published by the Government of India and what is the cost of their publication; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government for making these journals popular?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAW AHMAD KIDWAI):

(a)	(i)	Circulation of <i>Indian Farming</i>	5,000
		Circulation of <i>Kheti</i>	1,000

(ii) (Approximate annual cost of production of *Indian Farming* Rs. 1,00,000

Approximate annual cost of production of *Kheti* Rs. 6,095

(b) Steps taken to make *Indian Farming* and *Kheti* popular are indicated in the statement placed on the Table of the Council.

#### STATEMENT

##### *Indian Farming*

(i) The get-up of the magazine has been improved to appeal to the farm public with plenty of illustrations.

(ii) Advertisements are published in various newspapers.

(iii) Names of English knowing farmers have been collected with a

view to addressing them on the subject of utility of *Indian Farming* which contains authentic information of practical importance to a farmer.

(iv) Free copies have been supplied to Project Executive Officers in the Community Projects requesting them to popularise the journal amongst the farmers through village level workers.

(v) Improvement in material has been made by including in the journal articles relating to day to day farming operations, features, interviews with successful farmers, farmers' health, etc. Suggestions have also been invited from the subscribers for making further improvement in the journal.

(vi) Income from advertisements has been stepped up.

(vii) Cost of production is being got reduced.

##### *Kheti*

(i) Timely publication has been ensured.

(ii) Advertisements are published in various newspapers especially those published in Hindi.

(iii) Gram Panchayats in Hindi-speaking areas have been approached to subscribe to the journal.

(iv) Free copies have been supplied to Project Executive Officers in the Community Projects requesting them to popularise the journal among the farmers through village level workers.

(v) *Kheti* being the Hindi counterpart of *Indian Farming* shares the latter's popularity in so far as the matter published therein is concerned. Apart from that, recently, its get-up has also been improved to bring it at par with that of *Indian Farming* to make it more attractive and popular.