

Agreement with the E.E.C. for the import of wheat

320. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been concluded with the E.E.C. for import of one million tonnes of wheat;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) by when the shipments are likely to reach India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) Agreement for the import of wheat from E.E.C. has not been finalised as yet.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sea-Erosion in Kerala

321. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sea erosion in Kerala coast is spreading to new areas and getting more and more intensified; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check sea erosion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI K. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The problem of sea erosion on the Kerala coast is well known. The State Government of Kerala, who are concerned with the planning and implementation of the protection works, have been executing anti-sea erosion measures since the First Plan. Since then a length of about 100 km, out of the total of about 320 km subject to severe erosion, has been protected up to the end of Fourth Plan with an outlay of Rs. 17.7 crores. Anti-sea erosion measures are being continued in the Fifth Plan, for which an outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been tentatively proposed.

Rajasthan Canal

322. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament from Rajasthan have submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister seeking immediate commencement of work on projects like Rajasthan Canal to help the drought-stricken people of the State; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI K. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Some Members of Parliament from Rajasthan recently submitted a Memorandum to Prime Minister making some suggestions for tackling the situation created by drought. These suggestions are being examined in consultation with the Government of Rajasthan.

Setting up of National Institute of Ayurved in Kerala

323. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:

SHRI VISWANATHA MENON:

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received an offer from the Kerala Government for setting up the proposed National Institute of Ayurveda in that State; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) Yes.