

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

(a) The storage and transit losses incurred by the Food Corporation of India during the last three years is as under:—

(Value in rupees/crores)

Year	Storage loss	Transit loss	Voyage loss
1971-72 ..	6.11	10.81	1.44
1972-73 ..	5.00	12.29	0.61
1973-74 ..	7.93 (Prov.)	11.09 (Prov.)	3.22 (Prov.)

(b) Several steps have been taken by the Food Corporation of India to reduce storage and transit losses, such as construction of modern rat proof godowns, adoption of scientific technique for preservation, proper handling of stocks at the handling points, provision of dunnage etc.]

#### Ban on the Construction of Residential Buildings

\*507. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHAN :  
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :  
SHRI S. KUMARAN :  
DR. Z. A. AHMED :  
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to ban the construction of residential buildings, private and public sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to exempt the construction of residential buildings for lower middle income groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c) In the

†[ ] English translation.

context of the current difficult financial position, Government of India have already banned construction of non-functional (including residential) Central Government buildings which are yet to be taken up or which have not yet proceeded beyond the plinth level, during the financial year 1974-75. This decision has also been brought to the notice of the State Governments and Union Territories for similar action. The question of imposing certain restrictions on constructions in the private sector is being examined by the Government with a view to conserving the use of scarce building materials like cement and steel.

#### World Bank Loan to Rajasthan Canal Project

\*506. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank Loan given to the Rajasthan Canal Project; and

(b) the details of the various works likely to be undertaken under the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Construction of National Highway through Nagaland

\*507. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHAN :  
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN :  
SHRI SCATO SWU :  
SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a representation from the Nagaland Government for the construction of a National Highway through Nagaland and adjoining States like Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur; and

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