

BURNING OF MAIDA ETC. IN A MAHAYAJAN

1346. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 75 lakhs worth of foodgrains like maida, sugar, ghee and suji were burnt in a Mahayajna inaugurated on 2-1-73 by the Chief Minister of Bihar at Madhuban;

(b) what action was taken by Government to stop such wanton destruction of essential commodities; and

(c) whether Government propose to prohibit Mahayajanas where food articles are burnt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASHEB SHINDE) : (a) Sarvadharm Sambhava Vishwa Shanti Mahayajna was held at Madhuban in Giridih on 30th December, 1972. The Chief Minister, Bihar attended the opening ceremony. The State Government have reported that they have no information that foodgrains worth 75 lakhs were burnt in the Yajna.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CAPITAL'S MILK REQUIREMENT MET BY D.M.S.

1347. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme is in a position only to meet less than 50 per cent of the capital's milk requirements and also the machinery installed at the dairy is obsolete; and

(b) if so, what immediate steps are being taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b) At present, Delhi Milk Scheme is able to meet about 43% of the estimated Requirements of

Delhi City. However, with the expected expansion of the existing dairy plant from the present handling capacity of 3 lakh litres to 3.75 lakh litres daily by about the middle of this year the existing milk plant will be able to meet a little more than 50% of the requirements. It will be possible to meet fully the entire requirements of Delhi City, with the setting up of the new Re-combining (Mother) dairy with a milk handling capacity of 4 lakh litres which is expected to be built in the next financial year. The target for completion of both the expansion programmes are subject to revision based on various factors.

The Machinery installed at the existing dairy plant is of standard design and is in use. Replacements are effected as and when any item of machinery complete its normal working life.

DOUBLE TRACK HIGHWAYS

1348. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have national double track highways during the Fifth Plan Period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the National Highways which are proposed to be covered under the first phase of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA) : (a) to (c) Proposals being formulated for the development of National Highways under the 5th plan take into account the requirement both for widening single-lane National Highways to double lane carriageway as also for providing 4-lanes (dual carriageway) on selected double-lane National Highways for catering to the needs of traffic under the 5th Plan. However since the 5th Five Year Plan is still in a preparatory stage, precise details about individual schemes could be given only after these proposals have been finalized.