

(c) the requirement of tractors in the country ;

(d) the number of tractors manufactured annually in the country ; and

(e) the projects undertaken to make the country self-sufficient in the manufacture of tractors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) As per National Census conducted during 1966, the total population of tractors in the country was 54,012 numbers with State-wise population as per details in the attached statement. National Census on tractors, pumpsets and other agricultural machinery is conducted after every five years and the Census for 1971 is now proposed to be conducted in April, 1972 and information on the present population and their State-wise distribution would be known after the Census is completed.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[See Appendix LXAX, Annexure No. 12]

(c) A study on scientific basis on the requirement of the tractor has been entrusted to National Council for Applied Economic Research and the report will be available by about the end of August, 1972 and the precise estimates of the requirement of the tractors would be available after the study is completed.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

*Number of Tractors according to
Livestock Census 1966*

State/Union Territory

Andhra Pradesh	2,911
Assam	834
Bihar	2,132
Gujarat	3,248
Haryana	4,850
Jammu & Kashmir	104
Kerala	418

Madhya Pradesh	2,513
Maharashtra	3,274
Mysore	2,595
Nagaland	9
Orissa	667
Punjab	10,646
Rajasthan	4,195
Tamil Nadu	3,278
Uttar Pradesh	10,139
West Bengal	1,548
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	...
Chandigarh	12
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	6
Delhi	406
Goa, Daman & Diu	127
Himachal Pradesh	33
Laccadiv, Minicoy and Amindivi Island	6
Manipur	...
N. E. F. A.	6
Pondicherry	52
Tripura	9
ALL INDIA	54,012

EXPLORATION OF GROUND WATER

104. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any differences have cropped up between his Ministry and the Ministry of Irrigation and Power on the question of exploration of ground water ;

(b) if so, the nature of the differences ; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise,

बरेली-अमीनगांव सड़क का निर्माण

105. श्री गुणानंद ठाकुर : क्या संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बरेली-अमीनगांव सड़क के निर्माण की प्रगति क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दरभंगा और फरबिस गंज के बीच की सड़क अभी तक पूरी नहीं हो पाई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके कब तक पूर्ण हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

*[CONSTRUCTION OF BREILLY AMIN
GAON ROAD

105. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR :
Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANS-
PORT be pleased to state :

(a) the progress so far made in the
construction of Bareilly-Amin Gaon Road ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the road
between Darbhanga and Farbis Gunj has
not been completed so far ; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be
completed ?]

संसदीय कार्य तथा नौवहन और परि-
वहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) से (ग)
संभवत माननीय सदस्य उत्तर प्रदेश में बरेली
से आसाम में अमीनगांव तक पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क के
निर्माण का उल्लेख कर रहे हैं। सड़क कार्य में
270 मील राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग का भाग तथा
603 मील राज्य राजमार्ग का शामिल है।
इनमें से 398 मील उत्तर में, 328 मील बिहार
में तथा 89 मील बंगाल में और 58 मील
आसाम में है जोकि कुल मिलाकर 873 मील
है। इनमें से कुल 735 मील 31-12-1971
तक पूरे हो चुके थे। 31-3-1972 को समाप्त
होने वाली अवधि की प्रगति रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं
हुई है। सड़क कार्यों में लगभग 86 प्रतिशत
प्रगति हुई है। उत्तर प्रदेश में लगभग 70 मील,
बिहार में 17 मील जो कि बिखरे हुए छोटे-
छोटे खंडों में है, कुल मिलाकर 15 पश्चिम

बंगाल में आसाम में 36 मील का सड़क कार्य
अभी पूरा होना बाकी है।

पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क पर 23 बड़े पुलों
(उत्तर प्रदेश में 5, बिहार में 7, पश्चिम
बंगाल में 8 तथा आसाम में 3) में से 21 पुल
(उत्तर प्रदेश में, बिहार में 5 पश्चिम बंगाल में
8 और आसाम में 3) पूरे हो गये हैं। शेष
दो पुल—(1) कनकाई-1 की जून, 1972 तक
तक पूरे होने की आशा है तथा (2) गडक की
जून, 1972 तक पूरे होने की सम्भावना है।

मध्यम श्रेणी के 128 पुलों (उत्तर प्रदेश
में 32, बिहार में 64, पश्चिम बंगाल में 18
तथा आसाम में 14) में से 116 पुल (उत्तर
प्रदेश में 26, बिहार में 58, पश्चिम बंगाल
में 18 तथा आसाम में 14) पूरे हो चुके हैं।
शेष पुल पर कार्य पूरे होने के लिए प्रगति के
विभिन्न चरण में हैं।

पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क पर निर्माण किये जाने
वाले कुल 151 छोटे पुल हैं—(उत्तर प्रदेश में
36, बिहार में 29 (जिसमें 2 उपरि पुल भी
शामिल हैं) पश्चिमी बंगाल 40 में और
आसाम में 46 हैं) इनमें से 149 (उत्तर प्रदेश
में 36, बिहार में 27, पश्चिम बंगाल में 40
तथा आसाम में 46) पुल पूरे हो चुके हैं। शेष
दो बिहार में उपरगामो पुलों पर कार्य रेलवे
प्राधिकरण द्वारा शुरू किया जाना है।

बिहार में दरभंगा और फारबिस गंज के
बीच पार्श्ववर्ती सड़क की लुप्त कड़ी के निर्माण
का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

* [THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-
MENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING
AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAH-
DUR) : (a) to (c) Presumably the Member

is referring to the construction of Lateral Road from Bareilly in U P, to Amingaon in Assam. The Road work consists of 270 miles of NH portion and 603 miles of State Highways. Of these, 398 miles are in U. P, 328 miles in Bihar and 89 miles in Bangal and 58 miles in Assam, totalling 873 miles. Out of this total 735 miles had been completed till 31.12.1971. Progress reports for the period ending 31.3.1972 have not been received. The progress on road works is approximately 86%. About 70 miles in U. P. and 17 miles in Bihar in scattered reaches and short reaches aggregating to 15 miles in West Bengal and 36 miles in Assam remains to be completed.

Out of 23 Major Bridges (5 in U. P., 7 in Bihar, 8 in West Bengal and 3 in Assam) provided on the Lateral Road, 21 (5 in U. P., 5 in Bihar, 8 in West Bengal and 3 in Assam) have been completed. The remaining 2 bridges (1) Kankai I is likely to be completed by June 1972 and (2) Gandak is likely to be completed by June 1973.

Out of 128 Medium Bridges (32 in U. P., 64 in Bihar, 3 in West Bengal and 14 in Assam) 116 bridges (26 in U. P., 58 in Bihar, 18 in West Bengal and 14 in Assam) have been completed. The work on the remaining bridges is in various stages of progress for completion.

There are in all 151 Minor bridges, (36 in U. P., 29 in Bihar (including 2 over-bridges) 40 in West Bengal and 46 in Assam) to be constructed on the Lateral Road. Out of these 149 (36 in U. P., 27 in Bihar, 40 in West Bengal and 46 in Assam) have been completed. The work on the remaining two over-bridges in Bihar is to be started by the Railway authorities.

The proposal for the construction of the missing link of Lateral Road between Darbhanga and Forbesganj in Bihar is under consideration of the Government.]

DECREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR FOODGRAINS

106 SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in production of foodgrains has resulted in

the low demand for the grains in the domestic market thus resulting in a fall in the price of foodgrains for the producers ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure a fair price for the producer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir

(b) The rise in the output of foodgrains has been maintained, without any adverse effect on the prices, by fixing remunerative procurement prices for major foodgrains like wheat, rice and coarse grains.

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY

107 SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward any legislation for amending the Aligarh University Act ,

(b) if so, whether the Government will retain the minority character of the University ; and

If not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b) Government propose to introduce the Aligarh Muslim University Amendment Bill, generally on the basis of the recommendations made by the Gajendragadkar Committee, and taking into account all relevant factors.

STORAGE CAPACITY OF FOODGRAINS

108 SHRI N. G. GORAY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that this year's wheat crop is the highest so far ;

(b) whether the available storage capacity will be sufficient to meet the increased demand ;