

**DEMAND FOR FERTILIZERS**

90. SHRI RAM CHANDER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand for fertilizers in the country at present and to what extent it can be met from indigenous sources; and

(b) the total quantum of import of fertilizers during the current year; and the names of the countries from which these are being imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

**STATEMENT***Estimated Demand Indigenous Production and Imports In 1967-68*

	(In '000 tonnes)		
	Nitrogen	Phosphates	Potash
	(N)	(P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	(K <sub>2</sub> O)
Target of consumption	1350	500	300
Target of Indigenous Production	500	250	Negligible
Imports likely during the year	815	300	293

*Names of principal countries from which imports are arranged*

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| 1. U.S.S.R. | 8. United Kingdom |
| 2. G.D.R.   | 9. West Germany   |
| 3. Poland   | 10. France        |
| 4. Rumania  | 11. Australia     |
| 5. U.S.A.   | 12. Holland       |
| 6. Canada   | 13. Italy.        |
| 7. Japan    |                   |

†Transferred from the 26th May, 1967.

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND BOMBAY**

171. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway between Ahmedabad and Bombay requires urgent repairs especially in that portion which is within the Maharashtra State limit; and

(b) whether Government have considered the necessity to construct a bridge near Vasai to shorten the distance?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) The general condition of the road is fairly good and no urgent or emergent repairs are necessary.

(b) The Member is presumably referring to the bridge over the Bassein

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Creek on the new alignment of Bom-bay-Ahmedabad road *via* Dahisar, Ghodbunder and Manor. This bridge is already under construction and is now expected to be completed by the end of 1968. With its completion, and the opening of the new road to traffic, the distance between Bombay and Ahmedabad will be shortened by about 12 miles.

**SALE OF FAKE D.T.U. TICKETS**

188. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Ticket Gang operating in Delhi has recently cheated the Delhi Transport Undertaking by the sale of fake tickets?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): A complaint to this effect had been received but on enquiry by