

है और परिणामतः यह बताना भी सम्भव नहीं है कि उन राज्यों में से किसी राज्य में उपज में कमी होने के कारण वहाँ खाद्यान्नों की कितनी मात्रा में कमी हुई है।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): Due to unprecedented drought during 1966 all the States, except Punjab, including Haryana, became overall deficit in foodgrains, though some of them were surplus in particular foodgrains.

In the absence of any scientific survey of consumption of foodgrains in India, it is not possible to estimate precisely the requirements of any State during any particular year and consequently it is not possible to indicate the quantity of foodgrains by which any of them ran short due to loss in production.]

ASIAN HIGHWAYS

71. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state;

(a) the total mileage of Asian Highways passing through India and the names of the other countries which are served by these highways;

(b) the highways of India which have been categorised as Asian Highways; and

(c) the standard specifications which they should satisfy in order to be brought under this category?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) The total length of the Asian Highways is 55,000 kilometres out of which a length of about 15,000 kilometres lies in India. The countries served by these highways are Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Nepal, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

[English translation.]

(b) A list giving the names of the highways included in India is attached (See below).

(c) Roads included in the proposed Asian Highways System are to be developed in the first instance to a minimum standard, viz. fully bridged, single lane wide road with black-topped surface. Further development and improvement will be carried in stages in accordance with the requirements of traffic on different sections of the roads.

STATEMENT

List of international highway routes in India included in the Asian Highway System.

Priority Routes	Route No
(1) Pakistan Border (near Amritsar) —Ambala—Delhi—Kanpur— Allahabad—Barhi—Calcutta—Barasat (East Pakistan)—Dumki—Shillong— Jorhat—Palel—Indo-Burma border. A-1	
(2) Pakistan Border (near Ferozepur) —Hissar—Delhi—Moradabad— Rudrapur—Tanakpur (Nepal) —Galgolia—Naksalbari—Siliguri— Pakistan border A-2	
(3) Agra—Gwalior—Jhansi—Saugar —Lakhnadon—Nagpur—Hydrabad— Bangalore—Madurai—Dhanushkodi A-4	
(4) Barhi—Mokameh—Muzaffarpur —Raxaul—Nepal border A-5	
(5) Imphal—Silchar—Karimganj— (Pakistan border) A-40	
(6) Mokameh—Purnea—Kishanganj— Sivok—Cooch-Behar—North Salamara—Rangia—Gauhati—Jorhat. A-41	
OTHER ROUTES	
(7) Dalkola—Raiganj—Malda— Barasat A-42	
(8) Muzaffarpur—Jamakpur A-43	
(9) Delhi—Aligarh—Kanpur—Fateh Lucknow—Fatehgarh—Gorakhpur— Kasia—Pipra (on Muzaffarpur— Raxaul road). A-44	
(10) Calcutta—Kharagpur—Barguriposi— Cuttack—Vishakhapatnam—Vijayawada— Madras—Dindigul A-45	

(11) Dhulia (on Bombay—Gwalior route)—Nagpur—Raipur—Sam-Sd.nbalpur—Barakot—Bangri-posi.....A-46

(12) Gwalior—Shivpuri—Indore—Dwlia—Bombay—Poona—Belgium—Chjtradurga—Bangalore—Madras.A-47

POPULARISATION OF PAUSHTIK ATTA

72. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prepare Paushtik atta evolved by the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Bangalore for being served to the famine stricken people of Bihar;

(b) whether Government have ensured that the formula evolved by the Institute is strictly adhered to in preparing the atta so this protein contents are in no way deteriorated;

(c) the quantum of atta expected to be prepared for distribution; and

(d) by when it will be actually available for distribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a): Yes, Sir, the Government have proposed to manufacture a composite flour known as blended flour for supply to drought affected areas of Bihar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to make a beginning by producing flour to the extent -of 25 tonnes per day for a period of six months.

(d) The flour is expected to be available for distribution in Bihar by end of April.

HUNGARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

73. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hungary has recently agreed to render assistance to India in the fields of agriculture and animal husbandry; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance that has been negotiated upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b): There has been no Agreement specifically for assistance in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry. But an Agreement for credit to the extent of 125 million Indian Rupees has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Hungarian People's Republic on the 15th of June 1966. This Agreement refers to possible Projects for irrigation and Animal Husbandry the utilisation of which is under consideration.

However apart from this Agreement the Government of Hungary has made a gift of one Floating Pump Station (C.C.P. Value Rs. 6, 31, 461. This gift has been allotted to the Bihar State.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS (1965-66) OF THE COCHIN PORT TRUST AND AUDIT REPORT THEREON

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R V. RAO): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (2) of section 103 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, a copy of the Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust for the year 1965-66 and the Audit Report thereon. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-105[67]).