

stalls, vendors, taxi stands, are being removed from the congested areas.

- (xi) After a systematic study of road accidents in Delhi, 21 "accident prone" locations have been chosen by the Central Road Research Institute. Detailed analysis of the accidents at each of these places has shown that drivers are mainly responsible for most of the accidents. A new accident spot warning sign has been installed at these places to warn road users of the existence of these high "accident frequency" spots.

NATIONAL FOOD COUNCIL

687. SHR R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Food Council; and

(b) if so, by when it is expected to come into being and what functions are proposed to be assigned to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON): (a) and (b) The Conference of the Chief Ministers held on 16th November, 1966 recommended *inter alia* the setting up of a National Food Council. It would be responsible for formulating and implementing the National Food Budget. The recommendations of the Conference are now under the consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken shortly.

688. [Transferred to the 8th December, 1966.]

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PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUT ETC.

690. SHRI RAMPRASANNA RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production in tonnage of Groundnut, Sesame seed, and Cotton seed in each State from 1950-51 upto 1965-66 year-wise; and

(b) the total production in tonnage of Groundnut Oil, Sesame Oil, and Cotton seed Oil in each State from 1950-51 upto 1965-66, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) A statement giving the requisite information is attached. [See Appendix LVIII, Annexure No. 29.]

(b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha as soon as it is collected.

PRODUCTION OF SUN-FLOWER OIL ETC.

691. SHRI RAMPRASANNA RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production in tonnage of Sun-flower Oil and Soyabean Oil in India from 1950-51 upto 1965-66, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Sun-flower Oil and Soyabean Oil are being imported from foreign countries; and

(c) the step taken by Government to increase the production of the above oil?