

**FIXATION OF PROCUREMENT AND SALE
PRICE OF FOODGRAINS**

718. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state whether the Central Government are consulted by the State Governments while fixing the rates of procurement and sale of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI P. GOVINDA MENON) : Central Government is consulted by State Governments while fixing the procurement prices. As regards fixation of selling prices of foodgrains, prior consultation with Central Government is not always held. State Governments have, however, been advised to fix selling prices on 'no profit no loss' basis.

**ACCUMULATION OF SILT IN CHANNELS AT
COCHIN PORT**

719. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ships which were scheduled to be received at Cochin Port but were diverted to other ports during the last six months due to accumulation of silt in the channels, and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to dredge the channels ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) and (b) Five ships, which were scheduled to arrive at Cochin, did not enter Cochin to avoid detention.

The congestion was due to a variety of reasons such as heavier rains, arrival of unprecedented number of foodgrain ships etc. Arrears of maintenance dredging due to urgent capital dredging work at the tanker berth added to the problem.

The channels, both inside and outside, have been dredged. Five out of eight quay berths have been dredged in addition to the tanker jetties and coal berth. Further dredging of berths will be carried out as soon as possible. Tenders were called for salt

year to augment the Port's dredging capacity but did not fructify. Tenders have been called for again this year.

LACK OF CRANE FACILITIES AT COCHIN PORT

720. SHRIMATI DEVAKI GOPIDAS : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for want of heavy lift cranes at the Cochin Port to unload packages weighing more than 10 tons steamers have to be diverted to other Ports thereby incurring unnecessary expenditure and avoidable delay,

(b) whether it is a fact that such a crane has already been sanctioned for Cochin Port but has not yet been purchased and installed there up to this time; and

(c) whether Government propose to take immediate steps to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) No. A 120 tons floating crane has been in commission since the 31st May, 1966. Besides, there is a floating crane with a capacity of 30 tons.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

ASSISTANCE TO MYSORE FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT

721. SHRI M. D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Central assistance for the year 1965-66 given to Mysore for the development of roads in the State;

(b) the amount spent so far and the mileage of roads constructed; and

(c) the total commitment of the Central Government to the Government of Mysore for the above purpose during the Fourth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) Grants-in-aid aggregating Rs. 90 lakhs have been paid to the Government of Mysore for the development of State roads during 1965-66 ;

(b) Information regarding the actual expenditure incurred and the mileage construc-

ted is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course;

(c) No programme of grants-in-aid for State roads for the Fourth Plan Period has yet been approved as the Fourth Plan Allocations have not yet been finalised.

IMPORT OF HEAVY CRAWLER TRACTORS

722. SHRI M. D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign exchange has been made available to the Government of Mysore for the import of heavy crawler tractors during 1966-67; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SUPPLY OF PUMPING SETS TO MYSORE

723. SHRI M. D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request has recently been received from the Government of Mysore for the supply of pumping sets in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) :

(a) and (b) No request, as such, has been received from the Government of Mysore, but the State Government has estimated that it would, during 1966-67, need about 16,000 electrical and 6,000 diesel pumping sets. The State Government has already been advised to obtain its requirement of pump-sets from indigenous manufacturers.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

724. DR. (MRS.) MANGALADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allotted by the Centre to the Government of Rajasthan for agricultural development during the last two years;

(b) the extent to which the amount was sufficient to meet their requirements; and

(c) whether the amount has been fully spent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA) :

(a) and (b) Government of Rajasthan proposed an outlay of Rs. 16.11 crores for State Plan Schemes including Advance Action Schemes during the year 1964-65 and 1965-66 against which a sum of Rs. 15.21 crores (including additional allocation) was allotted to them.

(c) The amount actually spent is estimated at Rs. 12.24 crores. This sum includes provisional figures of the amounts spent during 1965-66.

†INTEGRATED RAIL ROAD BRIDGE OVER GANGES NEAR PATNA

333. SHRI SURJITSINGH ATWAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to integrate the proposed road bridge over Ganges near Patna with a rail bridge is under Government's consideration; and

(b) If of, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, AVIATION, SHIPPING AND TOURISM (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) No, Sir. From the point of view of rail transport, the existing rail bridge near Mokameh is considered sufficient to meet the needs of traffic in the area.

(b) Does not arise.

†Transferred from the 4th August, 1966.