

(c) what is the plan for supplying water to the Engineering and Technological College that is being built opposite the Hauz Khas Enclave?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No particular quantity of water is reserved for the Medical Enclave. The water is supplied to the Medical Enclave through a 33" water main coming from the cantonment reservoir.

(b) At present, water to Green Park and Hauz Khas colonies is being supplied by the coloniser from tube-wells. There is a proposal to supply water to these colonies from the Malaviya Nagar side. In case the residents are willing to accept it, it will take six months for completing the necessary works to supply water.

(c) The matter is under investigation by the Corporation.

PROF. DR. RAGHU VIRA: May I know, Sir, whether it will be possible to discontinue the water from Okhla, because it gets polluted very often. Some time ago there was a report in the papers that the matter had been discussed and that the Government proposed to discontinue that water. If so, how long will it take to discontinue Okhla water since the residents in the new colonies are not at all anxious to have the polluted water of Okhla?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, it will take a fairly long time to see to it, because the idea is to have a sewer across the Jumna to carry all this sullage across the Jumna and to have the water purified. For that it will take some time. I should like to disabuse my hon. friend that the water from Okhla is not sewage water; it is water contaminated but later on sufficiently purified.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM PORBUNDER TO RAJKOT

*230. **SHRI J. H. JOSHI:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state.

(a) the progress of the work done on the National Highway from Porbunder to Rajkot;

(b) whether the progress is according to schedule; and

(c) the names of the cities and towns through which or touching which this National Highway passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Porbunder, Kutiyana, Upleta, Dhoraji, Jetpur, Gondal and Rajkot.

STATEMENT

The progress made so far on Porbunder-Rajkot Road, Section of National Highway No. 8B, is as under:—

(1) *Porbunder-Kutiyana reach (Length 23 miles).*—A Water Bound Macadam road exists. The work of black-topping is in progress. The work for the construction of a bridge across Minsar river (in mile 25 from Porbunder) has also been sanctioned and the project is in progress.

(2) *Kutiyana - Upleta reach (Length 23 miles).*—Single lane Water Bound Macadam road exists. The work of improving and black-topping in this reach is in progress. An estimate for the construction of a bridge across Wadal river is awaited from the State Government.

(3) *Upleta-Jetpur reach (Length 22 miles).*—A fully bridged water Bound Macadam road exists. The work of metalling and black-topping is in progress.

(4) *Jetpur-Gondal reach (Length 19 miles).*—A water Bound Macadam road exists. The work of providing one lane cement-concrete and one lane asphalt surfacing is in

progress. An estimate for the construction of a bridge across Bhadar river near Jetpur is awaited from the State Government.

(5) *Gondal-Ribda-Rajkot reach* (Length 23 miles).—A fully bridged pucca road exists. It has been made partly cement-concreted and partly black-topped.

SHRI J. H. JOSHI: As has been stated by the Minister, the Highway is passing through Porbunder, Kutiyana, Upleta, etc. and I may add a few more names: Dhoraji, Virpur, and Ribda. May I know, Sir, if the Government is proposing to divert the Highway?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I have already indicated the alignment. It is Porbunder, Kutiyana, Upleta, Dhoraji, Jetpur, Gondal and Rajkot.

RISE IN PRICE OF MUSTARD OIL

*231. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cause of the sudden rise in price of mustard oil and whether there is any tendency now of a fall in the prices of this commodity; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the main cause of this rise in price is the influence as a whole of forward market in mustard oil in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):

(a) Prices of mustard oil have risen recently. The main causes of the upward movement in prices appear to be that, firstly, this is the lean period for mustard crop and secondly, all other edible oils, particularly groundnut oil, are displaying bullish tendencies. Latest reports indicate an easier tendency in mustard oil prices at Delhi.

(b) No, Sir. There is no forward market for mustard oil in Delhi.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, what steps are being

taken to bring down ground-nut oil prices, which are abnormally high?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The main step is to increase the production of oil-seeds, which is being done now, and the tendency now is that the prices are coming down.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: The rise in price now is a hundred per cent. high compared to the price two or three years back. Why so?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is not double. I am prepared to give the prices of mustard oil for four years. In February, 1958 the price at Calcutta was Rs. 69 per maund; in 1959 it went up to Rs. 71; in 1960 it went up to Rs. 80, and the latest price is Rs. 98.

SHRI S. C. DEB: What steps have been taken to see to a decline in the price of mustard oil?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, Sir, I have stated that the prices have started to decline.

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: May I know, Sir, what is the difference between the price paid to the farmer—the grower—and the price of the oil?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Oil is not purchased from the farmer; oil-seeds are purchased.

SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Oil is not produced by the farmer, it is clear. I wanted to know the difference between the price of groundnut seeds and the price of the oil; it means that the difference is the profit made by the mills.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Groundnut oil prices have gone up and that is one of the reasons why the price of mustard oil also went up falling in line with the other oils. India wanted to earn some foreign exchange and one of the steps recently taken was to export more and more of ground-nut oil and ground-nut seeds.