

up their own pavilions and exhibits. The three Divisions of the C.P.W.D., viz., (1) The Exhibitions and Decoration, (2) Electrical Division and (3) the Horticultural Division, have undertaken on behalf of the Samaj, on - payment basis, the work relating to repairs of roads, painting and distempering of buildings, laying cables and electrifying the exhibition grounds, and the laying of lawns and gardens.

Administrative officers and experts of the Ministries of the Government of India, the Delhi State, and the Delhi Municipal Corporation, are also serving on the various Committees for assisting the Samaj in organising the Fair.

PURCHASE OF FOODGRAINS FROM U.S.A. TO BUILD TIP BUFFER STOCKS

'-40. SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase from the United States of America large quantities of foodgrains to build up buffer stocks;

(b) if so, what is the quantity proposed to be purchased and what will be its value; and

(c) what are the terms under which the purchases are to be effected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) Yes, it is the intention to build up and maintain larger stocks and at present the most convenient and practicable method may be to augment imports from U.S.A.

(b) and (c)'. The details are under examination.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS TO NITI AND MANA PASSES ON THE INDO-TIBETAN BORDER

•41. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have asked the Government of Uttar Pradesh to construct roads to Niti and Mana passes on the Indo-Tibetan border; and

(b) if so, which Government will bear the cost?

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

STATEMENT

Central grants-in-aid aggregating Rs. 13 lakhs have been approved for the construction of following State roads which lead to Niti and Mana Passes:

	<i>Grant</i> (Rs.)	<i>approved</i> lakhs)
Joshimath-Nifi- Village bridle road.		6:00
Niti village-Niti pass road (hill track).		8-00
Badrinath-Mana road.	Pass	bridle 4' 00
		13-00

2. According to detailed estimates sanctioned for these roads, the projects are likely to cost nearly Rs. 14-15 lakhs and the balance of Rs. 1-15 (14:15—13) lakhs will be met by the State Government from their own resources.

CANAL WATER DISPUTE

»42. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state whether the negotiations in the matter of the Canal Water Dispute between India and Pakistan have made any progress? If so, how far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI)
: A statement on the progress