

**National Average of Road Length**

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT  
be pleased to state

(a) the National average of road length  
for the country and the average of road  
length in Rajasthan,

(b) whether Government propose to  
provide assistance to bring up the average of  
road length in Rajasthan at par with the

National average of road level, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN) (a) There is no generally accepted yardstick for working out a National average of road length. However, on a rough basis, the density of roads worked out on the basis of total area and population is as follows —

	<i>India</i>	<i>Rajasthan</i>
i) Road length per 100 sq km	55.4 km	31.1 km
ii) Road length per one lakh of population (1981 Census)	265.8 km	310.5 km

(b) and (c) As the bulk of road length consists of the State roads it is for the State Government to consider augmenting the road length by making suitable provision in the State Plans in consultation with the Planning Commission. The Central Government is mainly concerned with the development of National Highways.

**Dry-Land Farming**

2717 SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether a joint research plan has been drawn up by India and USA for the development of dry-land farming,

(b) if so, the amount earmarked out of the Indo-US fund for Educational, Cultural and Scientific Co-operation to support the dry-land farming research, and

(c) the Indian Agricultural universities in which such projects are proposed to be

taken up?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The amount earmarked is Rs 4,03,75,400/- for a period of five years

(c) The Agricultural Universities in which these projects have been taken up are i) University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, ii) University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, iii) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, iv) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, v) Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, vi) Gujarat Agricultural University, Anand and vii) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar

**Coconut Production**

2718 SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state