

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. However, the approach roads have developed pot holes at some places. Recarpetting could not be done in the last few years due to non-availability of funds.

(b) Funds are provided in the Budget Estimates keeping in view the overall resources position and the priority accorded to the work.

(c) The roads will be repaired/resurfaced in phased manner subject to availability of funds.

Boosting oilseed Production

*306. **SHRI K. MALLANNA :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission evaluation study on oilseed development in some States has recommended evolving of high yielding varieties for an early break-through in the production of oilseeds;

(b) if so, whether the study has also considered the various farming system and conditions, popularisation of the use of chemical fertilisers and plant protection measures; and

(c) if so, the details regarding its recommendations; and

(d) the time by which the new oilseed project is expected to be taken up for development?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRASINGH) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) The important recommendations in the Evaluation Report on Cereals Development Programme by the Programme Evaluation

Organisation of the Planning Commission are as follows :—

(i) Research Centres should be strengthened to organise location specific research to suit various farming systems and conditions so as to evolve highyielding varieties of oilseeds.

(ii) The district-level targets should be built up after a careful assessment of the potential that exists in different areas of the districts for oilseed crops during different seasons.

(iii) For effective implementation of the programme, it is necessary to provide special staff at the district level with adequate strengthening of the normal block level extension staff wherever necessary.

(iv) Oilseed crops require protective irrigation, specially when rains fail at crucial stages of crop growth. Concerted efforts are required in command areas demarcated "irrigable dry" to bring them under Intensive Oilseed Development Programme.

(v) There is considerable scope for popularising the use of chemicals fertilisers and plant protection measures through proper incentives and effective demonstrations.

(vi) There is need to evolve an integrated system of credit-cum-marketing. It is also necessary to provide facility of scientific grading in the regulated markets.

(d) No new project is contemplated for implementation of recommendations of the Programme Evaluation Organisation. These recommendations will be kept in view in implementation of ongoing oilseed development programmes.