

**Road Between Narnaul and Singhane**

2291. **Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of road between Narnaul, District Mohindergarh, Punjab, and Singhane, District Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan;

(b) whether this road is going to constitute a part of the National Highway connecting Delhi to Jodhpur| Bikaner up to the Pakistan Border adjoining Rajasthan; and

(c) by when this road is likely to be completed?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). A scheme for the construction of a road from Singhana to Narnaul within Rajasthan at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.70 lakhs is included in the proposals submitted by the Government of Rajasthan for grants-in-aid for schemes of State roads of inter-State or economic importance in the Third Five-Year Plan. These proposals are being examined. The proposed Singhana-Narnaul road, if and when constructed, would be a State road and would not form part of any national highway.

**Target of Agricultural Schemes**

2292. { **Shri H. P. Chatterjee:**  
**Dr. Ranen Sen:**  
**Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what percentage of expenditure and physical target has been planned for all agricultural schemes as a whole during the first two years of the Third Plan of the States?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** On the basis of the anticipated expenditure during 1961-62 as reported by the States and approved outlays for 1962-63, the expenditure in the first two years on agricultural schemes (comprising

agricultural production, minor irrigation and soil conservation programme) works out to 34.4% of the Third Plan provision. A statement showing tentative physical targets under important agricultural programmes is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 94].

**Excavation of Lower Damodar River in West Bengal**

2293. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up during the Third Plan for excavation of Lower Damodar river in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what is the amount sanctioned for the scheme; and

(c) when the execution of the scheme will start?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes. A scheme for canalising the Lower Damodar from Begua Hana up to the Hooghly has been included in the State Third Plan under the Flood Control Programme.

(b) An allocation of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made for the Scheme in the Third Plan.

(c) Execution of the Scheme will be taken in hand after it is finalised.

**Soil Conservation**

2294. { **Shri Hem Raj:**  
**Shri Warrior:**  
**Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for soil conservation in the Third Five Year Plan, State-wise;