Crop Insurance

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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether any crop insurance scheme has been formulated by the Centre States;

(b) if so, how many and which States:

(c) whether the scheme has been implemented; and

(d) whether the draft Buil for compulsory crop insurance has been finalised and if so, when it will be introduced?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shine): (a) No. However the draft of a Model Crop Insurance Scheme is under consideration of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise

(d) The draft Bill for Compulsory Crop Insurance is still under the consideration of the Government.

Bypess and National Highway-47 at Quilon

2235. Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: Will the Minister of Transport and Ship-

ping be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the urgency for constructing a Bypass Road for the National Highway-47 at Quilon; and

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been included in the Fourth Plan?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) The Government are aware of the need for a bypass at Quilon; but in the present financial stringency, it is not possible to accord a high priority to this work.

(b) No, Sir, as the Fourth Plan proposals have not yet been finalised.

Shortage of D.M.S. Ghee

2236. Shri Sharda Nand; Shri Bharat Singh Chaudhan: Shri Ranjit Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has recently been an acute shortage of ghee and milk of DM.S.

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up its own dairy farms in and around Delhi?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) While there is shortage in supply of ghee, the supply of milk to token card holders is maintained at present.

(b) Ghee is manufactured from surplus milk. Procurement of milk fails during summer due to natural cause and no surplus milk is normally available for conversion into ghee. In handling large quantities of milk some sourage occurs some times and this milk is utilised for conversion into ghee.

Procurement of milk during the present summer has suffered because of failure of rains in milk shed of the D.M.S. during last winter. The follow-