

ing any scheme for the development of this wasteland; and

(c) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI):** (a) In Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh the terrain is ravinous and gullied, the soils are of poor quality, dry conditions prevail and the land suffers from severe erosion problems.

(b) For this area, a number of programmes are already under implementation, more specially the Ravine Reclamation Programme and Command Area Development Programme.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi, Madras and Bangalore**

1276. **SHRI NARSING SURYAVANSI:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) has been entrusted with the task of preparing a feasibility report for Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi and for taking up traffic and transport studies in Madras and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) has been entrusted with the task of preparing a feasibility Report for Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi. In Bangalore, the study in

hand with RITES relates to Traffic Engineering and Management Measures, Road Improvement Programme, Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance and Commuter Rail Services. The State Government of Tamil Nadu have not yet entrusted RITES with a similar study for city of Madras.

(b) The feasibility study by RITES in respect of Delhi is in progress. The final report on the Bangalore Urban Transport Project has been submitted by RITES to the Government of Karnataka.

#### **Import and Export of Foodgrains**

1277. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of foodgrains imported during the year 1987-88 and 1988-89, year and commodity-wise;

(b) the names of countries from which these imports were made; and

(c) the quantum and value of foodgrains exported during the above period along with the names of exporting countries?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM):** (a) and (b). There was no import of wheat and rice during 1987-88. However, a quantity of 31,000 tonnes of maize valued at about US \$ 3.44 million was imported from Yugoslavia during 1987-88. During 1988-89 a quantity of 20.11 lakh tonnes of wheat from USA at an approximate FOB cost of US \$ 243.36 million, 6.84 lakh tonnes of rice from Thailand at an approximate FOB cost of US \$ 166.76 million and 78.189 tonnes maize from Argentina valued at about US \$ 10.15 million were imported. Also approximately 2 lakh tonnes of maize was received as aid from Government of USA during the year 1988-89.