

Polasanipalli areas of Krishna District is detailed below:-

Area	quantity of cocoons			produced	value of Cocoons	
	88-89	89-90	90-91	(in kgs.)	(in lakhs rupees)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gampalagudam	19,318	31,194	64,970	14.19	23.41	49.2
Ranireddypalli	33,916	68,391	1,04,535	24.50	49.58	74.8
Polasanipalli	39,722	57,0,81	73,500	24.01	35.00	49.1

(c) to (e). In order to provide marketing facilities to the local farmers, the State Department has established a silk reeling unit at Talaprole and a silk reeling unit has also been established at Hanuman Junction by SERIFED.

Due to non-availability of local reelers/buyers, the farmers are disposing of their cocoons at regulated Cocoon Markets situated in Rayaleseema region of A.P. and Karnataka State where there are sufficient reelers/buyers and prices are competitive. The State Government is promoting the establishment of Reeling Units in the Private Sector in Krishna District to build up market demand within the District. The farmers have the liberty to sell their reeling cocoons anywhere in the regulated/notified Government cocoons markets in Andhra Pradesh/Karnataka State.

National Highway No. 5 from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam from K.M. 358/0 to 398/875 into a four lane road has been taken up;

(b) if so, the present stage of the work;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work on one portion is in progress and for the remaining portion the agency for contract is yet to be fixed.

(c) The estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project is Rs. 6968.56 lakhs.

(d) The portion of the work already let out is likely to be completed by March, 1995. For the remaining portion of the work it is too early to indicate the time by which it is likely to be completed.

283 Widening of National Highway No. 5 into Four Lane

6014. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of widening of