

B. Bod Alubadi Bridge (2×9 m Span) At Fifth KM.

(i) Foundation	Completed
(ii) Superstructure	Completed
(iii) Completed job	1 No.

C. Sikarpada Bridge (1×8 m) at Seventh KM.

(i) Foundation	Completed
(ii) Superstructure	Completed
(iii) Completed job	1 No.

D. Padukopadu Bridge (1×8 m) of Ninth KM.

(i) Foundation	Completed
(ii) Superstructure	Completed
(iii) Completed job	1 No.

Agricultural Land Affected by Floods and Cyclone

2899. SHRI SITARAM J. GAVALI :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA
REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated agricultural land affected by floods and cyclone each year and the financial loss suffered as a result thereof

during the last three years ; and

(b) the compensation paid to farmers in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The estimated damages to cropped area and financial loss due to floods and cyclones during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 as reported by the States is as under :

Damage to cropped area

Year	Area in lakh ha.	Value in crores
1985	46.41	1425.36
1986	45.84	1213.58
1987	55.32	1300.83

(b) The comprehensive crop insurance scheme, which is being implemented since Kharif 1985 season, envisages financial support to loanee farmers in the event of crop failure as a result of drought and floods etc. At present, Wheat, Paddy, Millets,

Oilseeds, Pulses are covered under the scheme. So far 17 States and 3 Union Territories have implemented the scheme. Total claims paid so far under the scheme are as under :

Kharif 1985	=	Rs. 8300.59 lakhs
Rabi 1985-86	=	Rs. 295.99 "
Kharif 1986	=	Rs. 8500.00 "

Agriculture inputs subsidy in the wake of floods, cyclone etc., is extended @ Rs. 200/- per ha., for small hnd marginal farmers whose crop was damaged by more than 50 per cent.

Rice Import from Burma

2900. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import rice from Burma ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the quantity of rice to be imported and at what rate ; and

(d) the other items proposed to be exported to and imported from Burma ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b). India has offered to import rice from Burma in order to provide impetus to bilateral trade and economic relations.

(c) The quantity of rice to be imported will depend on its availability and the price offered.

(d) The Burmese have shown interest to import a variety of products like engineering goods, steel goods, tyres and tubes, electrical goods etc. India is already importing pulses, timber and non-ferrous metals from Burma.

Drought Relief

2901. SHRI MANIK REDDY :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have

received any complaint from certain State Governments to the effect that they have been discriminated against in the allocation of drought relief ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rise in Prices of Essential Commodities

2902. DR. A.K. PATEL :

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the price rise in the consumer prices of essential commodities from 31 March, 1987 to 31 October, 1987 and from 31 October, 1987 to 29 February, 1988 ;

(b) the rise in prices of essential commodities in the same periods during the last three years ;

(c) the rise during these periods in the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Jammu ; and

(d) the administered prices of these commodities as on 31 January, 1988 as compared in 1986 and 1987 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) to (c). Available information is given in statement-I below.

(d) Available information is given in statement-II below.