

Prohibition.

2908. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government have formulated a new policy to enforce prohibition in the country during 1979; if so, its main highlights;

(b) the steps contemplated to implement this policy; and

(c) whether the Government are considering to create separate agencies at the Centre and in States to ensure proper implementation of the prohibition policy in the country; if so, details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Construction of Road Linking Pitampura with Ring Road, Delhi

2909. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the new road from Ring Road to Pitampura Residential Scheme is likely to be completed according to the plan;

(b) when the said road is likely to be opened for traffic;

(c) when the work on the said road was started and the work done so far;

(d) the reasons for taking up the work of the road so late; and

(e) the progress in respect of metalling or semi-metalling the roads inside 'R' Block in Poorvi Sector in Pitampura Residential Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) First phase treatment of roads inside 'R' Block, (Poorvi), has already been completed. Final phase II treatment of roads will be done after 50 per cent plots are built up.

Foodgrains and Oilseeds

2910. SHRI HITENDRA DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of various foodgrains and oilseeds in each State and Union Territory year-wise, during the last three years; and

(b) how much foodgrains and oil seeds have been imported during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Two statements are laid on the Table of the House, one indicating the production of rice, wheat and total foodgrains and the other indicating production of groundnut and five major oilseeds (including groundnut) in different States during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78. (*Placed in Library. See No. LT-4084/79*)

(b) Cereals have not been imported during the current year. But pulses have been allowed import under OGL. The NAFED has a programme to import 57,000 tonnes of pulses during 1978-79. The quantity so far imported adds upto 44,000 tonnes. In regard to oilseeds, one tonne of linseed and 3732 tonnes of copra had been imported upto May, 1978.