Plan for construction of link road in Rural Areas

867. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have drawn up any plan for the construction of link roads in the rural areas for the current financial year; and
- (b) if so, a brief outline of this plan for the State of Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) The Government of India have no Central or Centrally sponsored scheme for construction of link roads in the rural areas for 1980-81. Rural roads

have been assigned to the State Sector

(b) Himachal Pradesh Government have informed that there is no plan exclusively for link roads in rural areas in the State. A sum of Rs. 6.85 crores is to be spent on construction of rural roads in 1980-81. In all 1173 rural roads are targetted for construction. This will cover 245 kms. of Katcha motorable roads, 18 kms. jeepable roads, 130 kms. of 4 feet tracks, 102 kms. of drainage works and 117 kms. of metalling and tarring.

Commercial breeding of Rabbits

868. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Sheep and Wool Research