

nature and quantum thereof are given below :

Name of the scheme	Nature of the scheme	Amount of loan involved.
		Rupees
1. Medical College Housing Scheme in Trivandrum.	Development of an area of 2.54 hectares and construction of 45 houses.	12.20 lakhs
2. Paroorkada Housing Scheme near Trivandrum.	Development of 112 plots and construction of houses thereon and development of 12 residential plots.	19 lakhs
3. Ullor Housing Scheme in Trivandrum.	Development of 104 plots and construction of houses thereon.	24.89 lakhs

(c) The first two schemes have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation on 4th October, 1971. Regarding the third scheme, the Kerala State Housing Board has been advised to consider drawing up housing schemes for more congested areas like Cochin and Calicut.

Request from Kerala Government to Allocate Funds for Development of Ernakulam Farooka Coastal Highway

1177. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Centre to allocate Rs. 9 crore for the development of Ernakulam Farooka Coastal Highway in the State; and

(b) if so, that decision has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible to accede to the State Government's request as the Government of India are already providing 100% Central financial assistance for the development of the West Coast Road and it is not feasible to change the alignment of the existing West Coast Road which is already nearing completion.

Sub-Standard Samples of Drugs tested in Calcutta

\*1178. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether 470 out of 1615 samples of drugs tested at the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta in 1970 were found to be of sub-standard quality; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the manufacturers producing sub-standard drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) In the Calendar year 1970, 2177 samples were tested at the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta, of which 511 samples were found to be of sub-standard quality.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Sabha in due course.

Recommended increase in Price of Milk supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme

1179. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : DR. SANKATA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Governing body of the Delhi Milk Scheme has recommended an

upward revision of prices of standardised and toned milk supplied by the Delhi Milk Scheme, and

(b) if so, decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) (a) Yes

(b) Government have decided that the working of all departments of Delhi Milk Scheme should be studied in detail in order to effect maximum possible economies before considering the question of upward revision of prices. Meanwhile the fat content of the standardised milk has been reduced from 5 percent to 4.5 percent with effect from 10th October 1971 in order to reduce the anticipated loss of Delhi Milk Scheme.

#### Requirement and production of Foodgrains

1180. SHRI P VENKATASUBBAIAH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated requirements of foodgrains for Bangla Desh refugees during the current year,

(b) the present position of stocks with the Government, and

(c) the estimated production of foodgrains during the current year and the figures as compared to the last year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE). (a) The total requirements of foodgrains (rice and wheat) for Bangla Desh refugees during the year 1971-72 are estimated at 10.7 lakh tonnes.

(b) At the end of October, 1971 the total stock of foodgrains with the Government, both Central and State, was about 73.5 lakh tonnes.

(c) The Total production of foodgrains during the year 1970-71 was 107.8 million tonnes. It is too early to frame any realistic estimates of the likely productions of foodgrains during the current year (1971-72) as the kharif crops are still in the fields and the rabi crops are being sown. The target of production for the current year is 112 million tonnes.

#### Abolition of Food Zones

1181 SHRI P VENKATASUBBAIAH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the desirability of abolition of food zones has been considered, if so with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) Food Zones as such exist now only in respect of rice. The movement of wheat and wheat products is free throughout the country excepting the statutorily rationed areas of West Bengal. Restrictions on the movement of coarse grains have been removed in most of the major producing areas.

Zonal restrictions on rice were reviewed at the Chief Ministers' Conference held on the 13th October 1971. The consensus was that these restrictions should continue with a view to maximising internal procurement. The recommendation of the Conference has been accepted by Government.

#### Import of Rice

1182 SHRI P VENKATASUBBAIAH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the rice position in the country and the quantity of rice proposed to be imported during the current year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) Production prospects of rice generally appear to be satisfactory. The stocks position is adequate to meet the normal requirements. During the current year ending December 1971, about 2,000 tonnes of rice are expected to be received in addition 2,80,000 tonnes already imported.