

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c). Rural Roads fall essentially within the sphere of State activities, and the question of providing accessibility to a particular size of villages by a metalled road in the Fifth Five Year Plan is inter-connected with the final outcome of the size and scope of the Fifth Five Year Plan which is in the preparatory stage at present. However, high priority is proposed to be accorded to rural roads in the Fifth Five Year Plan as indicated in the Planning Commission's document "Towards an approach to the Fifth Five Year Plan". The Fourth Five Year Plan enjoins upon States to provide for rural roads at least a sum equal to 25 per cent of the State Plan allocations for roads. Overall expenditure on rural roads is proceeding on this basis.

Import of Exotic Cattle through Indian Dairy Corporation Baroda

2902. SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR:

SHRI RAMACHANDRAM KADANNAPALLI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import exotic cattle through the Indian Dairy Corporation, Baroda;

(b) if so, the estimated number of cattle to be imported during the Fourth Plan period and how many of them reached the country;

(c) whether the request made by the Government of Kerala for the allotment of 22 males of Jersey breed and two Friesien bulls has been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, whether the tentative decision to allot more heifers of Jersey breed to Kerala will be reconsidered

in view of the State's repeated requests?

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

(b) 744 cattle are being imported through Indian Dairy Corporation for the first time against the import programme of the current financial year. These animals are expected to arrive in India in March, 1973 or soon thereafter. The import programme of the next financial year has yet to be finalised.

(c) and (d). Out of 744 exotic cattle being imported through Indian Dairy Corporation, 24 animals (4 Jersey males and 20 Jersey heifers) have been allotted to Government of Kerala.

Acreage of Land under Tobacco in Mysore during Fifth Plan

2903. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA:
SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage in hectares at present under tobacco in Mysore State; and

(b) whether Government of Mysore have proposed to bring some additional land under tobacco during Fifth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE): (a) The acreage under Tobacco in Mysore State was 39,600 hectares during 1971-72.

(b) Mysore Government's proposals for the Fifth Plan have not been received so far.