

(b) To begin with, the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras will be served by the National Milk Grid

Crushing Capacity and Production of Sugar in Belgaum, Karnataka

666 SHRI A K KOTRASHETTI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the crushing capacity, the sugar per centage, the annual production of sugar and the rate of sugarcane paid to the cane growers in each of the sugar factories in Belgaum division in Karnataka during the past three years in both cooperative and private sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-11106/76]

Construction of Salt Water Barrier at Thanneermukkom in Kerala

667 SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state.

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of Salt Water Barrier at Thanneermukkom in Kerala,

(b) the total financial assistance given to the State Government from the Centre, and

(c) the total amount spent on this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) The Thanneermukkom Salt water barrier Scheme envisages construction of a regulator a Thanneermukkom in three stages across the narrow section of the Vembanad lake to regulate the ingress of Salt Water in order to protect the

rice fields. The Government of Kerala have reported that the work on the first stage has been completed in all respects. The work on the Second Stage has also been completed except certain minor items which are in progress. Under the Third Stage, the side of the Cofferdam in the Central portion namely the Southern bund has been completed, and with this it had been possible to commission the project in January, 1976.

(b) The work is being financed by the State Government from within its plan allocations.

(c) An amount of Rs 368 crores was spent on the project upto the end of June, 1976.

Assistance for Survey of Water Resources in Punjab

668 SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government has started any survey of water resources in Punjab with a view to increasing the irrigated area under the 20 Point Economic Programme,

(b) if so, facts thereof, and

(c) whether any assistance has been given to the State by the Centre in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Punjab Government has started survey of water resources with a view to increase the area under irrigation. A separate Water Resources Directorate has been set up for this purpose. This Directorate is working on the following two projects:—

(1) Project of Ground Water Investigations and integrated utilization of Water Resources in Punjab State.