

ted to Kerala State during the months from January to June, 1967;

(b) the reasons for reducing the sugar allotment to Kerala since April, 1967; and

(c) whether the sugar allotment to Kerala will be restored to the pre-March level?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a)

January, 1967	10,000 Tonnes
February, 1967	10,000 "
March, 1967	7,000 "
April, 1967	7,000 "
May, 1967	5,849 "
June, 1967	5,849 "

(b) The reduction in the sugar quota was due to reduced availability of sugar as a result of fall in production. The reduction was made in the quotas of all States.

(c) Present availability of sugar does not permit restoration of the quota.

Allocation of Wheat to Kerala

7457. Shri Marandi:
Shri P. Vishwambharan:
Shri P. C. Adichan:
Shri Manglathumadam:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of wheat allotted to Kerala during the months from January to June, 1967?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): 140.2 thousand tonnes of wheat was allotted to Kerala during the months January to June, 1967.

Prices of Jute

7458. Shri Kindar Lal:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
Shri K. D. Tripathi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of raw jute in the season 1966-67 were disproportionately lower in Lakhimpur-Kheri and Gonda Districts of U.P. as compared to the prices obtaining in Bihar and West Bengal for similar type of jute;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to save the cultivators from this loss?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Considering the varietal differentials, transport costs and other incidentals, prices of raw jute in Lakhimpur-Kheri and Gonda districts of U. P. in June 1967 were not disproportionately lower than those obtaining in Bihar and West Bengal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Lateral Road Project

7459. Shri Balgovind Verma:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:
Shri K. D. Tripathi:
- Shri Kindar Lal:
Shri Gunanand Thakur:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Lateral Road Project has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, how long it will take to complete it?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Shipping (Shri Bhakt Darshan): (a) to (c). No, Sir; but, owing to financial stringency, the work on the project is being slowed