

(b) To determine ovarian activities in buffaloes with a view to develop methods of impregnating buffaloes during summer months to ensure year round production of milk.

(c) The U.S. Government has obligated Rs. 448,880/- over a period of 5 years.

Bridges in Kerala

3865. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major bridges completed in the State of Kerala during the Third Plan Period; and

(b) the target fixed and the allocation made and utilised?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (**Shri Sanjiva Reddy**): (a) and (b). Eighty-eight bridges were completed in Kerala in the Third Plan in the State Sector. Rs. 403.60 lakhs were allocated for bridge works and the expenditure incurred upto 28th February, 1966 amounted to Rs. 387.63 lakhs.

In the Central Sector, two major bridges were completed on National Highways and three on the West Coast Road. The total estimated cost of these bridges amounted to Rs. 43.43 lakhs against which the expenditure reported so far amounts to Rs. 43.86 lakhs.

Kitchen Gardens in Delhi

3866. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:**
Shri Murl Manohar:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the establishment of kitchen gardens in Delhi recently;

(b) the total area covered by the kitchen gardens in Delhi;

(c) the facilities offered by Government for the establishment and main-

tenance of the kitchen gardens in Delhi; and

(d) the approximate value of production from the kitchen gardens during the last winter season?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (**Shri Shyam Dhar Misra**): (a) About 20,000 Kitchen gardens.

(b) About 2,000 acres.

(c) (i) Free technical advice.

(ii) Door to door supplies of seeds, seedlings, fertilisers and pesticides. These production requisites are also made available at five sale depots established in different parts of the city.

(iii) Advice and free spraying and dusting for control of pests and diseases. Only the cost of pesticides is charged.

(d) It is very difficult to give the exact value of the kitchen garden produce during this winter. However, as a rough estimate every acre should have produced about 6 tons of vegetables in a year, which at an average cost of Rs. 300/- per ton for 12,000 tons should have produced vegetables worth Rs. 36 lakhs.

Sugar Factory in Mysore State

3867. **Shri Linga Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the setting up of the sugar factory at Gauribidanur, Kolar District, Mysore State;

(b) the reasons for not commissioning the factory as scheduled in December, 1965; and

(c) when the same will go into production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (**Shri Shinde**): (a) Most of the items of