

**DEMAND FROM MADHYA PRADESH FOR  
RUSSIAN MARINO AND RAMBOULLET  
SHEEP**

8941. SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI:  
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government have placed a demand for Russian Marino and Ramboulet sheep and if so, in what number;

(b) when and in what number the supply will be made; and

(c) if full demand cannot be met, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). While finalising the programme of import of exotic sheep for 1969-70 and 1970-71, for improving the quality of wool of local sheep through cross-breeding, the Government of Madhya Pradesh along with other State Governments was requested to indicate their requirements of exotic sheep, both Russian Merino and Ramboulet. In response to this, the Director of Animal Husbandry in his latest communication has indicated the State's requirements as 40 Russian Merino sheep—10 Rams and 30 Ewes for 1970-71 and 25 Ramboulet sheep during the next financial year. The requirement of these sheep have been included in the programme of imports proposed for 1970-71 and 1971-72.

**PROGRAMME FOR INCREASE IN LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME IN STATES UNDER FOURTH PLAN**

8942. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any target programme for the increase of lift irrigation has been fixed during the Fourth Five-Year Plan, for the different States and the Union Territories;

(b) if so, its details State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) the details of the schemes of different States and Union Territory; and

(d) the maximum limit that has now been fixed for minor irrigation schemes for the plain areas and the hill areas respectively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Fourth Five Year Plan of the States has not yet been finalised.

(d) With effect from 1-4-70 the maximum financial limit for individual minor irrigation schemes has been increased from Rs. 15 lakhs to Rs. 25 lakhs in plain areas and to Rs. 30 lakhs in hilly areas.

**CREATION OF SEPARATE POSTAL CIRCLE FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH**

8943. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a strong demand for the creation of a separate Postal Circle for Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government received a representation in this behalf and the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) Some representations have been received in this behalf and the matter is under consideration.

**COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ON GENERAL ZORAWAR SINGH**

8944. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government for the issue