

Ring Road connecting Rajkot-Morabi and Rajkot-Jamnagar (State Road) estimated to cost Rs.163 lakhs for financial assistance under Central Road Fund. This Scheme has not so far been approved as the actual augmentation of CRF is yet to take place.

Coordination in Research activities

2491. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether apart from thirteen laboratories under ICAR coordinated Pesticide Residue Scheme, CSIR Laboratories such as national Botanical Research Institute are also doing similar research in plants such as better leaves, Neem, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating foods, farm products tested, pesticides analysed and results obtained;

(c) how is active and meaningful collaboration and avoidance of overlapping brought about amongst Research and Development units involved;

(d) whether there has been any meetings and exchanges before embarking on these products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, the research conducted in ICAR is complementary to the work being done in CSIR. While ICAR is laying more emphasis on pre-harvest residue analysis, CSIR is concentrating mainly on pesticide residues during the post-harvest phase.

(b) Research under ICAR has established tolerance limits and waiting periods

for different pesticides being used in the country. In addition, neem products have been tested for various crop pests. The Central Food Technology Research Institute, of CSIR is engaged in pesticide residue assessment in food and has developed technologies and formulations specific to conservation and protection of food as a part of post harvest technology chain. The National Botanical Research Institute of CSIR is carrying on investigations on pesticides residues in betel leaves as a part of its operational research project.

(c) Meaningful collaboration and avoidance of overlapping in the programmes is being achieved through joint meetings of ICAR and CSIR scientists at annual workshops, seminars and mutual exchange of visits at ICAR and CSIR laboratories.

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) CSIR scientists regularly participate in the annual workshops and seminars organised by ICAR on Pesticide Residues, Betelvine and Neem.

Mandays Generated Under Jry In Karnataka

2492. SHRIJANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays generated in Karnataka during 1990 so far under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojna; and

(b) the number of mandays proposed to be generated during the next six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) About 267 lakh mandays of employment are reported to have been generated in