

black pepper during the crop years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 are 22.7, 18.2 and 30.4 thousand tonnes respectively.

(d) The following schemes have been approved for development of pepper in various States during the remaining 3 years of the Seventh Plan:—

1. Production and Distribution of Rooted Cuttings of High Yielding Pepper Varieties;
2. Establishment of Model Gardens for High Yielding Pepper Varieties;
3. Distribution of Input Kits and Sprayers to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Pepper Production;
4. Field Demonstration of Pepper;
5. Rehabilitation of Pepper Gardens in Kerala.

(e) and (f). Black pepper is being encouraged as an export-oriented commodity. Because of short supplies of black pepper in the world markets, farmers and traders are reported to be currently holding back their stocks, in anticipation of fetching better prices through exports in the coming months.

Construction of roads in dacoit infested areas of Rajasthan

*295. SHRI JUJHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the construction of roads in the dacoit infested areas of Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the roads constructed;

(c) whether any amount has been spent in the dacoity prone areas of Shahbad and Chabra sub-divisions of Kota district where the cases of dacoity are as common and the road communication most undeveloped; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (d). There is a scheme for construction of roads in Special Problem Areas in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Under this scheme, during 1985-86 an amount of Rs. 1.04 crore was released to the Government of Rajasthan, which was to provide an equal amount as its share. Out of the total availability of funds of Rs. 2.08 crores, the State Government had spent an amount of Rs. 1.17 crores upto the end of February, 1987.

A Statement is given below which shows the road/bridge works sanctioned so far. According to the progress report received from the State Government upto the period ending February, 1987; 75 kms. of the roads have been tendered and earth work on 21 kms. of road is in progress. The material collection for metalling and cross drainage works are also in progress.

No amount has been spent on works in Shahbad and Chabra sub-divisions of Kota district as these sub-divisions do not find place in the first priority works selected by the State Government based on most essential requirement of police authorities keeping in view the area of operation and the degree of crime in these areas.

STATEMENT

Road/bridge works sanctioned in Rajasthan under the scheme of construction of roads in Special Problems Areas of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

Name of the Road/Bridge	Length (Kms.)
ROADS	
DHOLPUR DISTRICT:	
1. Bassi Dang-Nanger LR-13	9
SWAI MADHOPUR DISTRICT:	
2. Chanderlipur—Ondh FR-5	10
3. Nandrai—Ondh LR-6	15
TOTAL	34
BRIDGE	
One bridge over river Chambal in Swai Madhopur District (Tehsil Karauli)	
LETERAL ROADS	
1. Nanger to Saharo LR (14)	5.00
2. Saharo to Mroli LR (15)	6.00
3. Maykund to Mroli LR (16)	7.00
4. Dholpur to Busroli LR (17)	5.00
5. Busroli to Bhasina LR (18)	5.00
6. Bhasina to Kuthina LR (19)	14.00
7. Baral Utgir LR (2)	16.00
8. Utgir to Karanpur LR (3)	14.00
9. Karanpur to Rodhair LR (4)	28.00
10. Rodhai to Mandrol LR (5)	14.00
11. Aundh to Bhompura LR (7)	7.00
	121.00
FEEDER ROADS	
1. Summarthura to Sansaka Gurja LR (8)	27.00
2. Sovghapali to Sansaka Gurja LR (0)	8.00
3. Gajpura to Basaidang LR (3)	10.00

Name of the road	Length (Kms.)
4. Rajkhara to Samona FR (6)	8.00
5. Rajkhara Silavat to Pinhat FR (7)	8.00
6. Chandailipurato Sharamthura FR (6)	14.00
7. Kailadevi to Karanpura Marg FR	24.00
	99.00
TOTAL	220.00

Resumption of fertilizer import

[Translation]

*296. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to resume fertilizer import;

(b) if so, the fertilizers to be imported and the names of the countries;

(c) whether such imports will affect the indigenous production; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b). Potassic fertilizers are imported on a regular basis to meet the assessed requirement as there are no known indigenous sources of this material. Import of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers is planned to bridge the gap between the assessed demand and expected indigenous production. However, some quantities of urea and DAP are planned to be imported during the second half of the current year to meet contractual obligations.

It would not be in the public interest to disclose the countrywise quantities of fertilizer materials planned to be imported during 1987-88.

(c) and (d). The import of fertilizers is not expected to have adverse impact on the indigenous production as the indigenous stocks will have priority over the imported fertilizers for distribution and sale under the ECA allocations.

Defect in Korba Doordarshan Transmission

*297. DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to mechanical defect in Korba (Madhya Pradesh), Doordarshan Transmission National network programmes are not clearly visible in this area;

(b) if so, the time by which this defect will be removed;

(c) whether late night adult films are not being relayed from Korba Doordarshan centre; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) and (b). It was observed sometime back that the transmission from Korba TV transmitter was not satisfactory. The matter was looked into by Doordarshan Engineers and it was found that the transmitting antenna had developed certain mechanical faults. These defects have since been removed and the transmitter is now performing satisfactorily. Nevertheless, as a long term measure, it has been decided to replace the transmitting antenna so that similar faults do not recur.

(c) and (d). Though it is envisaged to