

Area Development Programme, improved water management practices modernisation and stabilisation of existing projects and water budgeting practices, training of farmers and their participation in water management.

Capacity of Utilisation of Milk Powder Plants

88. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of Milk Powder Plants of various dairies under National Dairy Development Board and the capacity utilized during the last three years;

(b) whether the installed capacity of

Milk Powder Plants has not been utilised fully; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). There are no milk powder plants under the direct management of National Dairy Development Board. Milk powder plants have been established under Operation Flood to convert surplus arising out of seasonal variation in milk procurement by the dairies and the capacity utilisation has to be viewed keeping this perspective in view. The total installed capacity of the milk powder plants and the percentage of capacity utilisation during the flush month of January, 1988, January, 1989 and January, 1990 is given below.

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Installed capacity (MT/day)</i> | <i>percentage of capacity utilised</i> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| January, 1988 | 624.50 | 70 |
| January, 1989 | 654.00 | 68 |
| January, 1990 | 663.00 | 82 |

Maximum Intensity of Traffic of National Highways

89. SHRI G. K. SHEKHADA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of maximum intensity of road traffic on National Highways during last two years;

(b) the State where it was noticed; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by

Government for free flow of traffic on those National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Maximum traffic intensity of upto 42900 PCUs in 1988 and 47900 PCUs in 1989 have been observed on Ahmedabad-Vadodara Section of National Highway No. 8.

(b) The section is in the State of Gujarat.

(c) Expressway connecting

Ahmedabad-Vadodara has been sanctioned and is under construction.

Flood Affected Villages in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab

90. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9280 and on 17 May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether no refund has been made to the villagers who had hired bulldozers from the Government of Punjab at the rate of Rs. 270 per hour for removing sand from their fields;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for immediate refund of payment to the farmers?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). Information of being collected and will

be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

91. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges modernised in Kerala during the last year:

(b) the percentage of manual exchanges in the State;

(c) whether there is any time-bound plan to modernise these exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) The telephone exchanges modernised during last year in Kerala are as follows:

| <i>S. No.</i> | <i>Exchange Name</i> | <i>Type of Electronic Exchange installed</i> |
|---------------|----------------------|--|
| 1. | Shornur | 700 Line NEAX |
| 2. | Ottappalam | 600 Line NEAX |
| 3. | Feroke | 2048 Port ILT |
| 4. | Kondotty | 512 Port IDT |
| 5. | Androth | 512 Port ILT |
| 6. | Ambalapuzha | 512 Port ILT |
| 7. | Nedungandom | 512 Port ILT |
| 8. | Kallambalam | 512 Port ILT |
| 9. | Chelakkara | 512 Port ILT |