

Five-Year Plan has not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission, it is too early to indicate inclusion of this particular scheme in the 8th Plan.

Financial Assistance to Milma Milk Co-operative Society, Kerala

980. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to Milma Milk Co-operative Society, Kerala;

(b) the amount proposed to be given during 1991-92; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expand and improve the milk industry sector in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has provided the following financial assistance to the Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF) during the last three years for dairy development under Operation Flood-III and Swiss assisted project in North Kerala:

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1	2
1987-88	176.09
1988-89	320.34
1989-90	208.35
1990-91 (up to January, 1991)	113.33

(b) Depending upon the progress, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.17 crores is proposed to be given to KCMMF during the year 1991-92 for dairy development.

(c) Milk Industry sector (Dairying) in Kerala is being developed through expansion of existing dairy/milk chilling plants, and cattle feed plant, establishment of new dairy plants/milk chilling plants under Operation Flood-III and the Swiss assisted project in North Kerala.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway Into National Expressway System

981. SHRIGIRDHARILAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Bombay National Highway No. 8 has been included in the National Expressway System;

(b) whether Government propose to give first priority to Jaipur-Ajmer National No. 8 in the National Expressway System; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). Only Ahmedabad-Vadodara Section of National Highway 8 has been included in the National Expressway System. Further, a study to identify potential Expressway network to be developed in the country is in progress. Inclusion of further segments in the National Expressway network will depend upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities within the VIII Plan which is not yet finalised.