

consumers. Further, besides rice, wheat and milo where internal production is supplemented by imports, there are other foodgrains including millets and pulses produced internally and even persons taking imported grains through Government distribution may also be consuming some of these indigenously produced grains.

Silchar-Manipur Road

899. **Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Silchar-Manipur road has been completed; and

(b) if not, when it will be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) A road already exists from Silchar to the river Jiri at the border between Assam and Manipur. Perhaps hon'ble Member is referring to the portion of the New Cachar Road (Jiri-Imphal) under construction, at present, in the State of Manipur. The construction of this road has not so far been completed.

(b) The road is expected to be completed in 1970.

Settlement of Landless Agricultural Labourers

900. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in implementation of the schemes received from State Governments and Union Territories for the settlement of Landless Agricultural Labourers; and

(b) the break-up State-wise?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Resettlement of Landless Agricultural

Labourers, so far 96,527 families have been resettled.

(b) The State-wise break-up of the families resettled under the above scheme is as follows:

S. No.	State	No. of families resettled
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,352
2.	Assam	30
3.	Bihar	14,775
4.	Gujarat	5,342
5.	Madras	927
6.	Mysore	100
7.	Madhya Pradesh	7,959
8.	Kerala	4,000
9.	Orissa	360
10.	Punjab	41,526
11.	Maharashtra	16,124
12.	Uttar Pradesh	936
13.	Tripura	1,096
		96,527

Quota of foodgrains for Bihar

901. **Shri Devan Sen:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of grains promised to Bihar for the months of March, April, May, 1967 by the Centre;

(b) the actual quota delivered to the State;

(c) the proportion of milo and wheat in these months;

(d) the proportion of milo and wheat in the grain quota given to other States;

(e) the reason for the shortfall in the quota promised to Bihar and actually delivered; and

(f) the reason for discrimination against Bihar in the matter of milo and wheat proportion?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) The allotments made to Bihar were—

March	178,000 tonnes
April	197,000 tonnes
May	225,000 tonnes

(b) The quantities despatched were—

March	172,400 tonnes
April	196,600 tonnes
May	180,400 tonnes

(Upto 20-5-1967)

(c) The total quantity despatched during the months consisted of about half wheat and half milo.

(d) The production of milo in the case of other States ranged from 52 per cent. to 0 per cent.

(e) The shortfalls were nominal and were due to various reasons like late arrivals of ships, strikes at ports, hold-up of wagons, etc.

(f) No discrimination was made in the case of any State. Proportion of wheat and milo in the quota of State was determined by the availability of the two types of grains and the need to provide cheap grains in the scarcity-affected areas.

Highway Development Programme.

908. Shri Devan Sen:

Shri Manoj Kumar:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised their highway development programme for inclusion in the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof.

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Mr. V. K. S. V. Rao): (a) No, Sir. It has not been possible to finalise the highway development

programme for the Fourth Plan period in respect of National Highways and other centrally aided road projects because the Plan itself is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Jute Production Target

909. Shri F. G. Sen: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the target for the production of Jute during 1967-68;

(b) the measures taken for its achievement; and

(c) whether any price incentive is under consideration with a view to boost Jute production?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) 94.00 lakh bales, both for jute and mesta.

(b) The following measures are being adopted for achieving the above target:—

(1) Introduction of jute cultivation on a large scale in the deep tube-well areas of West Bengal and newly irrigated areas of Kosi and Hirakud Projects.

(2) Encouraging cultivation of jute as a second crop in rotation with paddy and potatoes in irrigated areas.

(3) Replacement of the existing strains by high yielding and fertiliser responsive ones.

(4) Adoption of package of improved practices, including foliar spray of urea, line sowing and control of pests and diseases and weeds.

(c) The minimum support price of Assam Bottom variety of raw jute