

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). The required information is being collected from the Rajasthan Government and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received from them.

Anti-Rat Campaign in Kerala

1291. Shri Vesudevan Nair:
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Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the results of the anti-rat campaign in the Kuttanad Package area of Kerala are a success; and

(b) whether this campaign is proposed to be extended to the Palghat area also?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes. A systematic anti-rat campaign was organised in Alleppey district during 1965-66 in the fields and houses of the cultivators. The campaign covered 8978 acres of land and 9365 houses and was conducted by the staff with the help of local institutions e.g. Panchayats as well as farmers.

(b) The Project Officers of all I.A.D.P. districts including the Palghat district have been requested to launch similar campaigns.

Shivalik Road

1292. Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Ram Harkah Yadav:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether work on the 1,3000 mile long Shivalik road is progressing according to the schedule;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether work on this road is centrally supervised;

(d) whether the total outlay sufficient to complete the road before 1971, has been provided in the Fourth Plan; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (e). The work on the 1,300 mile long lateral road from Bareilly to Amingaon, which it is presumed is meant by "Shivalik Road", is in good progress in most of the sections and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1968-69. The work on the road is being executed by the State Public Works Departments in their respective State territories under Central Supervision. The entire cost would be met by the Central Government. Due to financial stringency, the provision of funds during the year 1966-67 is not quite adequate, but it is hoped that all the funds will be available during the Fourth Five Year Plan which has not yet been finalised.

Survey of Fallow Lands

1293. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steps are being taken to carry out a complete survey of fallow lands in the country with a view to put them to use for agricultural and food production;

(b) whether any review has been made to find out any defects in the existing rules and institutions to turn uncultivated lands to cultivation in the various States; and

(c) whether the present balance between cereals and non-cereals like jute and cotton is proposed to be reviewed?