

Shri Hanuman Kabir: We find from the norm which has been set that if that quantum of work is done by the worker, he will get, I believe, more than what he was earning before. In Bombay, the basic gang worker used to get Rs. 96 per month on an average before the introduction of this piece-rate system; he is now earning about Rs. 200 per month.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

F.A.O. Report on Dairying

*1282. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report has been submitted on Dairying (Milk Supply) by the Food and Agriculture Organisation Team of experts who visited India last year;

(b) whether an assistance of about \$0.5 million from U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands and Canada, has been accepted as a result of this report;

(c) the forms and modes through which the assistance will be provided by these countries; and

(d) the milk supply projects for which this assistance will be used?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) Assistance to the value of Rs. 36.5 lakhs has been accepted from these countries.

(c) Supply of dairy equipment Rs. 20.0 lakhs

Supply of milk powder at a concessional price Rs. 12.2 lakhs

Services of technical experts Rs. 3.3 lakhs

Free supply of skim milk powder Rs. 0.3 lakhs
Grant in cash Rs. 0.7 lakhs
Rs. 36.5 lakhs

(d) (i) Greater Calcutta Milk Scheme.

(ii) Madras Milk Scheme.

Milk Powder Factories

*1284. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 195 on the 21st July, 1956 and state how these co-operative rural creameries and milk powder factories are progressing?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No creamery or milk powder factory has been established so far under the Second Five-Year Plan. But three creameries and one milk powder factory are included in the programme for 1957-58. The creameries are to be located at Khagaria (Bihar), Girnar Area (Bombay) and Manpat (Madhya Pradesh), while the milk powder factory will be at Amritsar (Punjab). The imported equipment required for these plants is to be supplied by the T.C.M. and arrangements for its procurement through the India Supply Mission in Washington are under way.

Nandikonda Project

*1291. **Shri Rajagopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any request either from the Government of Andhra or from Nandikonda Board that the Government of India should take up the Nandikonda project as a National Project; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India propose to consider the proposal?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.