

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Well, you have replied, but you will repeat.

[Translation]

SHRI KAMAL NATH: As I have already stated that negotiations are being made with regard to the scheme of West Management Technology.

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: The hon. Minister may please clarify the things regarding Hyderabad.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: The Australian Government is to appoint the consultants in this regard. There is a need to give a final shape to engineering design and technical aspects and implement the project. The West Management Technology project is for Hussain Sagar. As regards to other things between Australia and our country—Hon. Member may get the reply from the Finance Ministry.

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: The hon. Minister stated that no negotiations were held—as it was asked in the question. I would like to know from the hon. Minister that keeping in view the fact that the Government has held talks with the Government of France and the Government of Germany, whether it also proposes to hold talks with Australia too?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Talks have been held with France and Germany several times, so far as negotiations with Australia are concerned, I have personally talked to their Minister, however no agreement on bilateral basis has so far been signed. (Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I think you have replied to this question.

Integrated Poultry Development Projects

*186. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned some Integrated Poultry Development Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance given by the Government for this purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: On every agricultural question, the reply of the Minister is: 'Do not arise.' and 'No, Sir.' But it is reported in the Press time and again that the Government is determined to have Integrated Poultry Development Projects. But the Minister has denied it. So, basing on this, I want to know from the Minister whether he is thinking that the research project has to be started in different States basing on the geo-physical conditions of some areas in North-South. Generally, they are affected by gomborru disease in south Maharashtra and then they start doing blood testing. Basing on this, in the North due to humidity, summer and monsoon, they suffer from this disease. So, basing on this, is he thinking that the State Government should finance the research work and how this type of project should be implemented in different States?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: As regards the first part of the Supplementary, I have answered it; I have said, "No". The Government does not

directly fund Integrated Poultry Development Projects. We had two schemes upto 1992-93, but as per the direction of the Planning Commission, we have given the two which are centrally sponsored schemes, to the State Governments; they had been transferred to the States. Now, the National Development Cooperative is funding Integrated Poultry Development Projects in the cooperative sector. I have complete statistics of the work that has already been done. The work of poultry development is done not only by the Central Government but also by the States; the States have research and extension programmes under the Poultry and Animal Husbandry Department. As far as the Central Government is concerned, we have four farms to produce chicken and distribute them to the Central Drug Farm, three Feed Analytic Laboratories, one Poultry Training Institution and four random sampling laboratories. This is the infrastructure.

About the disease, I have the details. The Government is aware of this disease; and we have taken a series of measures to curb the disease; and the research work is also going on in this field.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): I may add for the information of Dr. Bhoi, as he has specially taken interest in it, that ten integrated projects were opposed to be located - Puri-1; Dhenkanal-3; Ganjam-3; Sambalpur-2; and Sundergrh-1 at a total cost of Rs. 10.97 crores.

NCDC sanctioned three projects in September 1993 one each at Puri, Ganjam and Sambalpur at a cost of Rs. 335.80 lakhs. NCDC's share of assistance is Rs. 319.01 lakhs. The State Government has not so far given any assistance for these projects and claimed reimbursement from NDC. For the

remaining projects, the State Government has been advised to agree for the set price and submit society-wise proposals. The same are still awaited. Societies have not been registered. I may tell that we are very much aware of what the need is and Dr. Bhoi should take the initiative with the State Government there.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: I am very much thankful as the hon. Minister has given answer on the floor of the House for the benefit of all the Members. But again, I want to know about the Global Poultry Institute, likely to be set up near Bangalore and what will be its functions?

Dr. Panda, internationally famous Poultry Expert has given the details but still it is doubtful as to what will be the place of the project. I would also like to know whether in the Eighth Five Year Plan or Ninth Five Year Plan this will be included or not.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: I will let you know later on.

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have read many statements to the effect that there is a great scope of earning foreign exchange through increase in poultry farming. Though the Hon. Minister has not mentioned this thing in his reply, but he has made such statements on several occasions. I would like to ask about Bihar, which is faced with the problem of unemployment but also has a great scope of poultry farming. What action is proposed to be taken to provide parent stock for poultry farming there.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: It depends on States. We implement the schemes submitted by various States and provide as much help as possible. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will..... you and the House....

SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Please let us know about the funds provided for poultry-farming and goat rearing under the tribal sub-plans.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: We want to do it for you. You may take as much benefit as possible. We are ready to help. I feel it will be a good source of employment. We are making efforts to make it a good source of country-wide employment and prosperity but it depends on States. You submit the schemes. We will provide assistance.

[English]

Foodgrains Production

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*188. SHRI S.M. LALJAN
BASHA:

DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foodgrains production during 1993-94 in Kharif and Rabi seasons, separately, crop-wise and State-wise;

(b) the percentage of increase in production as compared to the last two years;

(c) the names of states where production is very low in excess;

(d) whether the shortfall of production has any impact on foodgrains price as well as on buffer stock;

(e) if so, the steps contemplated to neutralise the impact;

(f) the per capita availability of foodgrains on the basis of estimated mid-year population during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(g) the reasons for the decline in the per capita availability of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (g). A *Statement* is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Final estimates of production of various crops for 1993-94 have not yet become due from the States. However, as per present assessment, statement giving advance estimates of production of foodgrains for 1993-94—Statewise, cropwise and seasonwise, is annexed.

(b) The percentage increase in production of foodgrains during current year i.e. 1993-94 is likely to be 6.4% over 1991-92.

(c) Production of foodgrains during the last two years i.e. 1993-94 and 1992-93 was generally higher than that in 1991-92 in most of the States except in Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh where it was marginally lower.

(d) No, Sir. There has not been any adverse impact on price and bufferstock of foodgrains.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The per capita net availability of foodgrains during 1991, 1992 and 1993 was 186.2, 171.5 and 170.0 kgs. per annum respectively.

(g) The marginal decline in per capita net availability of foodgrains during the last two years is attributed to relatively less increase in foodgrains production.