

(b) if so, how many meetings of the Group have so far been held and how many study tours, if any, have been undertaken by the Group; and

(c) what observations/recommendations, if any, have so far been made by the Group?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes. The Group was constituted on 9th October, 1962.

(b) The Working Group has held two meetings so far, to settle the procedure and to finalize the questionnaire, which is under issue. No study tours have so far been undertaken by the Group.

(c) The Group has not yet submitted its report.

Working Group on Fisheries Co-operatives

88. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 451 on the 20th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the working Group on Fisheries Co-operatives has since been formed;

(b) if so, how many meetings of the Group have so far been held and how many study tours, if any, have been undertaken by the Group; and

(c) what observations/recommendations, if any, have so far been made by the group?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The working Group on Fisheries Co-operatives has just been formed. It is expected to meet shortly to consider its programme, including study tour.

Working Group on Dairy and Animal Husbandry Co-operatives

89. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 451 on the 20th August, 1962 and state:

(a) how many meetings of the working Group on Dairy and Animal Husbandry Co-operatives have so far been held and how many study tours, if any, have been undertaken by the Group; and

(b) what observations/recommendations, if any, have so far been made by the Group?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The first meeting of the Working Group was held on the 31st October, 1962 and no study-tours have been undertaken by the Group.

(b) The Group at the first meeting considered model schemes prepared by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) for setting up (i) co-operative societies in poultry industry, (ii) dairy industry, (iii) pig rearing and preparation of pork products, and (iv) collection and utilisation of animal carcasses. The Group has generally approved the model schemes on the first two suggesting certain important modifications, e. g. a liberal financial assistance pattern to encourage expeditious formation of cooperatives; permitting individuals with small holdings of livestock to make use of the facilities that would be available through these cooperatives; setting up of large scale intensive poultry development blocks in suitable areas in order to directly make available much more eggs and poultry than at present possible; a liberal pattern of assistance to co-operatives to handle dairying units especially and more especially to those who may take up the manufacture of milk products; setting up of