

Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for upgrading of cattle by artificial insemination and fodder development to improve the milk supply position in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Under the Special Development Programme recently sponsored by the Government of India a scheme for the establishment of an Intensive Cattle Development Block in Delhi has been approved at a cost not exceeding Rs. 63.34 lakhs during 1964-66. The scheme is expected to cover a population of 90,000 breedable cows/she-buffaloes and it envisages development of cattle and increased production of milk through controlled breeding, mass castration, subsidised rearing of calves, disease control etc. duly supported by feed and fodder development and rural dairy extension activities.

Sugar Factories

1420. { **Shri D. S. Patil:**
Shri Tulsj Das Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Kamble:

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

(a) since when the application for grant of licences to start co-operative sugar factories at Dongarkad and Basmathnagar in Parathani District in Maharashtra State have been pending; and

(b) the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) The applications for the grant of licences for establishment of two co-operative sugar fac-

ories at (i) Dongarkada and (ii) Basmathnagar in Parbhani District (Not Parathani) of Maharashtra State were received in March, 1963 and January, 1964 respectively.

(b) Decision to resume licensing in the Sugar industry was taken in June 1963 and examination of all applications received upto 29-2-1964, numbering 229 including the above two applications was taken up thereafter. The detailed examination of such a large number of applications has naturally taken time.

Fishing Harbour in Haldia

1421. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish a fishing harbour at Haldia in order to meet the increasing demand of fish in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the main details of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) Yes.

(b) After a preliminary survey and model tests, the details will be worked out by the Port Commissioner, Calcutta, in consultation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Ministry of Transport.

Rice Mills in Madhya Pradesh

1422. { **Shri Uikey:**
Shri Babunath Singh:
Shri Radhelal Vyas:

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

(a) whether any proposals for providing assistance in setting up rice mills in Madhya Pradesh have been received from the State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?