

move or minimise them; but it will be appreciated that it is a long-term process, both in educating the public abroad and the creation of facilities at home. It requires continuous and sustained efforts.

Cooperative Fruit Preservation and Canning Units

2408. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of **Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance for setting up three cooperative fruit preservation and canning units in North Bihar; and

(b) if so, the total amount of financial assistance to be given??

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Fisheries Corporation

2409. { **Shri Warrior:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

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

(a) whether the Union Government have decided not to take shares in the projected Fisheries Corporation; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No decision on this question has as yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

Rearing of Sheep in Hill Areas

2410. Shri Lakhmu Bhawani: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government for rear-

ing of sheep in the hills of U.P. Punjab, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be involved thereby?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No scheme in addition to those which are already under operation is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

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2411. Shri Lakhmu Bhawani: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi is being converted into an autonomous organisation from April, 1965;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the financial implications, if any, involved in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The question of re-organisation of Agricultural Research in this country, including conversion of the important research organisations like the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, into autonomous bodies, has been taken up for examination on the basis of the recommendations made by the Research Review Team. In the re-organised set up, it is envisaged that there will be better scope for initiative in agricultural research and free exchange of ideas. Details of the re-organisation are, however, now being worked out.

Fruit-cum-Research Station in Madras

2412 { **Shri Sezhiyan:**
Shri Sivasankaran:

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

(a) whether the Government of Madras have submitted any proposal to start an experimental fruit-cum-research station in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Central Government to give assistance for the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A scheme for establishment of Fruit Research Station for Salem and North Arcot districts of Madras State at a total cost of Rs. 2,62,576.00 for five years has been received from the Madras Government and is under consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Inter-State Water Transport Corporation

2413. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar have submitted a proposal for the setting up of an Inter-State Water Transport Corporation for Government's approval;

(b) if so, the important features of the proposal;

(c) whether the same has been considered; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). A proposal for running commercial river services has been received from the Government of Bihar and is under consideration.

Intensive Cattle Development Blocks

2414. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Food and Agricultural be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme for intensive cattle development blocks to be established around the milk shed areas of the Delhi Milk Supply in Meerut and Bulandshahr Districts to boost milk supply to Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be involved for implementing this scheme; and

(c) the broad outlines of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A scheme for the establishment of 13 Intensive Cattle Development Blocks in (i-ii) the milk-sheds of Kanpur and Lucknow Milk Supply Schemes in Uttar Pradesh and (iii) in the Milk-sheds of Delhi Milk Scheme in Meerut, Bulandshahr districts in Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned under the Special Development Programme recently sponsored by the Government of India.

(b) The tentative cost of the Meerut-Bulandshahr block is Rs. 15.26 lakhs in 1964-65 and 1965-66. This is, however, subject to considerable reduction as a result of various cuts suggested to the State Government.

(c) The scheme aims at development of cattle and increased milk production through controlled breeding, adequate feeding, effective disease control and proper management and marketing practices duly supported by fodder development and rural development extension activities. Each block is expected to cover a breedable population of about one lakh cows/she buffaloes. The breeding is proposed to be controlled through the establishment of Centralised Semen Collection station, regional artificial insemination centres and Stockmen centres.

कृषि फार्म

2415. { श्री ओंकर लाल बेरवा :
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