

tives. Milk was collected at Bahadurgarh centre upto January, 1965, and at Kharkhauda upto August, 1966. Bawana and Najafgarh centres have been handed over to DMS only recently.

In the circumstances stated above, it is difficult to hold any particular person responsible. No one has kept the chilling centres idle. This has happened mainly due to circumstances beyond our control.

It has now been decided to shift equipment from these centres to areas where milk is readily available. This will enable DMS to utilise these equipments instead of buying new ones.

Officers on Deputation

3748. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Officers in his Ministry who have come on deputation at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred on their deputation allowances upto the 31st March, 1967; and

(c) the reasons for appointing Officers on deputation in his Ministry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) 85. (Eighty ve).

(b) Rs. 82,793.00 (during 1966-67).

(c) To fill posts requiring special expertise, technical qualifications and experience and knowledge of field conditions.

Delhi Milk Scheme

3749. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss incurred by the Delhi Milk Scheme upto 1965-66 from its commencement of the scheme; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The Delhi Milk Scheme, after taking into account the interest on the capital and depreciation on buildings, equipments etc., had incurred a total loss of Rs. 185.07 lakh from the commencement of the Project upto 1965-66.

The Scheme is expected to make a marginal profit during 1966-67 accounts for which are yet to be finalised.

(b) The main cause for losses incurred by the Scheme is that the procurement price of milk has been steadily rising and selling prices of milk have not been raised correspondingly. A statement showing the selling prices and purchase price of milk from time to time is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-807/67].

Overtime Allowance

3750. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount of overtime allowance paid to the staff in his Ministry during the last five financial years?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): The amount of Overtime Allowance paid to the staff in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation during the last five financial years is as under:—

Year	Amount paid
1962-63	Rs. 1,19,602
1963-64	Rs. 1,83,747
1964-65	Rs. 2,29,717
1965-66	Rs. 2,54,541
1966-67	Rs. 2,82,628