

(b) The prices of commodities are fixed in a manner as to reduce dependence of the dairy plants on commodities and also that the prices do not act as a disincentive to indigenous milk production.

Feature Films Screened on Doordarshan

1592. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of feature films screened on Doordarshan in the country, language-wise, and State wise during the last three years; and

(b) the number of films out of them screened more than once ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) A Statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-755/85].

(b) 35 feature films were telecast more than once between 1982-1983 by various Doordarshan Kendras.

Glut of Seeds Marketed by N.S.C.

1593. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Seeds Corporation is facing the problem of glut of High-Yielding Variety of seeds ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this glut in spite of low seed-replacement ratio ;

(c) whether the main reason for the unwillingness of the farmer to buy seeds from the National Seeds Corporation is the erosion of his faith in the quality of seeds marketed by various Government agencies ; and

(d) steps Government contemplate to remedy the situation arising out of the seed glut and to restore the credibility of the National Seeds Corporation among the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) There is no glut of High Yielding Varieties of seeds With National Seeds Corporation. However, the left over certified wheat seed is to the extent of 30,000 quintals. over and above the quantity to be maintained as buffer-stock.

(b) The reasons for excess quantity of wheat seeds are as follows :

(i) Due to drought/inadequate rainfall during Kharif, 1984 a portion of wheat area in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and some other States has been diverted to other crops which require less moisture.

(ii) The dislocation in road transportation during first 15 days of November, 1984 which is the crucial period for movement of wheat seeds also affected the delivery in right time and consequently short-fall in consumption.

(iii) Some of the State Governments and State agencies did not lift the committed quantities of wheat seeds.

(c) No, Sir. The seeds produced by National Seeds Corporation, State Farms Coorporation of India and State Seeds Corporations are not only popular amongst the farmers in the country but also in demand outside.

(d) The disposal of left over stock is under consideration and the extension machinery in the States is being strengthened, alongwith stepping up of marketing activities of National Seeds Corporation.