

it has been stated that China and Sri Lanka have launched ambitious dairy development project on the lines of successful "Operation Flood" in India;

(b) whether any assistance is being provided by India to those countries in implementation of the said project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The services of one dairy expert was made available to China through F.A.O. A 9 member Mission of the China National Animal Husbandry Industrial and Commerce Corporation visited India for a period of 3 weeks beginning 28th December, 1985. The visit was sponsored by World Food Programme on self-financing basis. Purpose of the visit was to study the Operation Flood Programme. India is providing assistance to Sri Lanka in the form of their manpower for dairy development and services of Indian experts to Sri Lanka.

Strike by labourers in I.C.A.R. farm,
Shillong

1135. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK:
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research work of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in North-Eastern Region carried out at the Umroi Farm Complex near Shillong has suffered a major set back due to strike by labourers; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The casual workers and a few regular technical staff members went on

strike on 26.12.85 and indulged in acts of indiscipline and damaged experimental plots and a few animals, compelling the authorities to declare "lock-out". The State Government posted police at the Farm and thus prevented further loss. Through the kind mediation of the Home Minister of Meghalaya State, the labourers and the staff have resumed duty from 1.2.86.

National Poultry Board

1136. SHRI BANWARJ LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to set National Poultry Board in the country during the Seventh Plan Period:

(b) the aim and objectives, of the proposed National Poultry Board and the time by which it will be set up; and

(c) the extent to which the Board will provide better eggs and poultry marketing than NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objectives of the proposed National Poultry Board are as under:-

- (i) To promote Poultry Production.
- (ii) To protect the interests of producers and consumers by preventing the mal-practices.
- (iii) Organisation of market intelligence and information services.
- (iv) To conduct market survey and field studies on various aspects of Poultry Production and marketing.
- (v) To undertake bulk procurement and distribution of feed ingredients and marketing of eggs and poultry as a market support measure.
- (vi) Export Promotion activities.