

**Marketing of Mother Dairy Products
through public sector/Cooperative
dairy units**

5581. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mother Dairy, Delhi had as a policy invited all public sector/cooperative dairy units in the country for marketing of their respective products through Mother Dairy booths and if so, when this circular was sent and response thereto;

(b) whether vegetable and fruit prices of Mother Dairy booths are very high;

(c) whether Mother Dairy is to buy vegetables and fruits only through farmers' co-operatives and if so, when this will be achieved; and

(d) whether Mother Dairy, Calcutta has already achieved this aim in respect of oranges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Mother Dairy approached some of the cooperative federations like Haryana, Punjab and Gujarat for marketing some of their products through the booths under the fruit and vegetables project.

(b) Vegetable and fruit prices at Mother Dairy booths are not high.

(c) Efforts are being made to procure as much quantity of fruit and vegetables as is feasible directly from the farmers and existing co-operatives.

(d) Mother Dairy, Calcutta, did not undertake the procurement and sale of oranges. The procurement of oranges was undertaken by the Mirik Primary Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Society and marketed through the Mother Dairy milk retailers.

**Lack of funds for water-supply schemes
in Andhra Pradesh**

5582. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
SHRI A. J. V. B. MAHESWARA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received by Union Government that the water supply schemes in problem villages called PWS and RMS are not being implemented properly in Andhra Pradesh on account of lack of funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to provide adequate funds for these schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) No Sir.

(b) The provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government only assists the State Government in their efforts to provide drinking water in rural areas through assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). For the Seventh Plan Andhra Pradesh has an outlay of Rs. 140 crores in the State Sector M. N. P. Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), an amount of Rs. 1587.44 lakhs was released during 1985-86 to Andhra Pradesh and the provision allocation for 1986-87 is Rs. 1760 lakhs.

Additional cyclone relief to A.P.

5583. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a request has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanctioning an additional amount of Rs. 449.60 lakhs over and above the ceiling of expenditure approved by Union Government for providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of cyclone which occurred in November, 1984.

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have also requested for extension of time limit for incurring the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation work from 31 December, 1985 to 31 March, 1986;

(c) if so, whether Central Government have acceded to the request; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(c) and (d). The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the ceiling of expenditure by Rs. 449.60 lakhs has been considered by Government of India and it has been decided not to reopen up the case since the ceilings were fixed on the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon. The extension of time limit however, has been granted upto 31st March, 1986, for utilising the ceiling of expenditure approved for 'irrigation' and 'repair of roads' for the year 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Wheat and rice allotted to Andhra Pradesh under NREP and RLEGP for 1986-87

5584. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
SHRI BEZAWADA PAPI
REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quality and quantity of wheat and rice to be allotted to Andhra Pradesh under N.R.E.P./R.L.E.G.P. during 1986-87;

(b) whether representations have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for increasing the distribution charges of foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP from the present Rs. 15/-per quintal to Rs. 25/-per quintal;

(c) whether representation has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and other States for releasing the Budget provisions by Union Government in one instalment for schemes under NREP/RLEGP/IRDP/DPAP/PASMA on the ground that the release of the second instalment is invariably delayed; and

(d) whether Government have acceded to the suggestion and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) A total quantity of 95,560 MTs has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh under NREP/RLEGP for the first half of the year 1986-87. The quantity to be allocated for the second half of the year will depend upon the utilisation against this quantity. Half of the quantity of foodgrains will be supplied in the form of rice and the remaining quantity in the form of wheat. The quality of foodgrains to be supplied has to conform to the Fair Average Quality (FAQ).

(b) to (d). The Government of Andhra Pradesh had represented during the year 1984-85 that the subsidy provided for transportation and handling charges of the foodgrains under NREP should be enhanced from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 25/-. The rate of subsidy for transportation and handling charges has been revised to Rs. 20/- per quintal and States may book any expenditure over and above this amount to the non-wage component under NREP/RLEGP.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh or any other State that the funds under the programmes should be released in one instalment.

Telecast of Kannada Language Programmes

5585. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) how many sponsored programmes are being shown in a week in the regional language of Kannada by Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra; and

(b) whether it will be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) At present, sponsored programme in Kannada is shown once a week.

(b) Yes, sir. It would be increased if suitable programmes are available.