

Survey of India carries out geological mapping and regional mineral assessment according to Field season Programme (i. e. from 1st October to 30th September). GSI's annual programme for 1985-86 is programmed from October 85 to September 1986 and significant achievements/discoveries could be assessed only after completion of the work in September, based on the reports submitted.

(b) During the financial year 1985-86, the provisional booked expenditure of GSI under mineral exploration for survey parties is about Rs. 1878 lakhs.

Extinction of good milch cattle breeds

8039. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board was set up in 1966 to develop India's vast dairy potential, especially the milch cattle breeds, and if so, the specific projects with their location and the achievements made in establishing milch cattle breeds with details of number of cattle of each breed established;

(b) whether some of the good milch cattle breeds in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been subjected to serious danger, death and extinction and if so, the role played by NDDB, the technical arm of Indian Dairy Corporation and Government in being them; and

(c) whether Government propose to revamp NDDB and place it under a full time professional dairy production man ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) was set up in September, 1965 primarily to promote dairy science and practice and diffusion of technical knowhow and to advise Government of India, State Governments, Corporations or local bodies in the matter of dairy development. NDDB is not involved in developing

milch breeds. Under Operation Flood-milk production enhancement programme, Artificial Insemination Services are provided to the animals under the cooperative ambit in the milk sheds. During the year 1984-85 artificial insemination services was provided by 7,543 dairy cooperative societies. The total number of 13,29,455 artificial inseminations were performed and 1,42,510 female calves were born during the year 1984-85.

(b) No such report has been received in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. There is, however, possibility of some cattle population having been affected as a result of drought in these States. Steps are being taken by respective State Governments to supply fodder, water and medicines in these areas to mitigate the hardships experienced by cattle breeders in the States.

(c) No, Sir.

Introduction of second channel on Doordarshan

8040. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a second channel on Doordarshan's national network in the near future;

(b) if not, whether there is any possibility of introducing such second channel on Doordarshan's national network in Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Damage to cotton crop by 'White Fly' in Andhra Pradesh

8041. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :