

the State Governments Union Territories including Delhi Administration the need to bring in all markets under the purview of regulation. The Delhi Administration has been making efforts in this direction. Recently, the Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board has entered into an agreement with the Centre for Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur for preparing a Master Plan for development of whole-sale agricultural markets in Delhi.

[English]

Setting up of Indian Poultry Development Board

985. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to set up an Indian Poultry Development Board on the lines of Coffee, Tea, Rubber & Silk Boards to promote poultry industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the National Egg Corporation Committee has submitted a detailed proposal in this regard to the Planning Commission and if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) A proposal to set up a National Poultry Development Board during the VIII Plan period has been submitted to Planning Commission and its approval is awaited. Details of the proposal have not yet been worked out.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of Phosphoric ACID Plant at Kakinada

986. SHRIMATIT. MANEMMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizers and chemicals industries in Andhra Pradesh are facing difficulties in importing liquid phosphoric acid and ammonia needed by them;

(b) whether any requests have been made to the Indian Farmers Fertilizers Corporation for setting up a phosphoric acid plant at Kakinada; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government and IFFCO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The import of phosphoric acid and ammonia in 1990-91 was inadequate due to overall constraint in the availability of foreign exchange. This has affected all the indigenous phosphatic plants dependent on imported phosphoric acid and ammonia including the plant in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) M/s. Godavari Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. had requested Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Limited to consider setting up a Phosphoric Acid Plant at Kakinada. Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperation Limited did not find the request commercially viable.

Production of Telecom Equipments by Private Manufacturers

987. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTANARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: