

AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a new judicial commission to inquire into the conspiracy behind the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time schedule has been fixed for the commission to submit its findings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The notification appointing the Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 is being issued. The Commission would be asked to submit its report within six months from the date on which the notification is issued.

[Translation]

Conversion of telephone exchanges into Electronic exchanges in U.P.

*526. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh and the number of electronic exchanges out of them; and

(b) the details of exchanges in that district proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Nineteen; out of which five are electronic exchanges.

(b) Two electro-mechanical exchanges at Khudaganj and Miranpur-Katra are planned to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current year (1991-92).

[English]

Dairy and Poultry Development Schemes

*527. SHRI CHETAN P.S.

CHAUHAN:

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are implementing dairy and poultry are supplied to poor women in backward,

development schemes for the benefit of weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total investment made on these schemes during the last two years; year-wise;

(d) the States where these schemes are in operation; and

(e) the extent to which these schemes have helped the weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the enclosed statement

(d) The schemes are operative in all the States / Union Territories.

(e) Under these programmes, the estimated number of beneficiaries are 7,25,732 and 6,78,845 in 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

STATEMENT

The dairy and poultry development schemes for the benefit of the weaker sections of the society are as under:—

(1) *Special Livestock breeding Programme with objectives to:—*

(i) involve the small / marginal farmers and agricultural labourers in livestock production; and

(ii) generate additional employment and income for them.

The Special Livestock Breeding Programme has two components.

Under rearing of calves, the rate of subsidy is provided at the rate of 50% to small / marginal farmers and 66 2 / 3% to agricultural labourers.

Subsidy is provided for setting up of poultry (layer as well as broilers Units), sheep and pig production Units at the rate of 25% to small / marginal farmers and 33.33% to agricultural labourers.

30% of the beneficiaries should come from SC / STs. In both components, the maximum subsidy per beneficiary is Rs. 3000/-, whereas for scheduled tribes, the ceiling is Rs. 5000/- per beneficiary.

(2) *Establishment of backyard poultry production Units*

Under this scheme, small poultry units

tribal and other remote areas.

The cost (subsidy) of each unit is Rs. 500/-, which is provided over a period of two years (Rs. 375/- during the first year and Rs. 125/- during the second year) for the purchase of birds, one coupe (night shelter) and feed.

(3) *Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)*

IRDP is a beneficiary oriented programme. Its objective is to enable selected families in rural areas to cross the poverty line. At least 50% of the

assisted families should be drawn from the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

In the field of dairying & poultry development, the following sub-programme under IRDP are being implemented:—

To improve (i) the productivity of milch animals by rearing heifers and (ii) to set up poultry production Units by IRDP beneficiaries. Assistance is given as indicated below:—

(i) Small and marginal farmers	50%	subject to ceiling of Rs. 3000/-per family.
(ii) Agricultural labourers	662/23%	subject to ceiling of Rs. 3000/-per family.
(iii) Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes families	50%	subject to ceiling of Rs. 5000/-per family.

The total investment made on Special Livestock Breeding Programme and establishment of backyard poultry units are Rs. 1190.63 lakhs and Rs. 1351.15 lakhs for 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. Besides this, investment has also been made for milch cattle and poultry units under the Integrated Rural Development Programme.

Export of Milk Products

3818. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether milk products are exported to Sri Lanka, Algeria and some European Countries;

(b) whether EEC countries which used to supply milk powder to India as gift have stopped the supply;

(c) if so, the total quantity of milk powder which was earlier supplied as gift annually;

(d) whether the Government propose to stop export of milk products to make up the shortfall; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The information is being

collected and Will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Gift supply of skimmed milk powder was not received from the European Economic Community (EEC) under Operation Flood-III (OF-III) Programme during 1990-91 and during 1991-92 (upto July, 1991).

(c) The quantity of skimmed milk powder earlier supplied by EEC as gift for the Operation Flood-III Programme during 1987-88 to 1989-90 is given below:—

Year	Quantity in MT
1987-88	12,000
1988-89	17,990
1989-90	14,991
TOTAL	44,981

(d) & (e) A decision has been taken that the National Dairy Development Board would not export milk powder any further due to the shortage of fresh milk in the country. Other dairy products like ghee and butter are being exported when conditions permit.