

and disease control to support the programme.

The results indicate that the Holstein crosses irrespective of agro-ecology and native breed involved perform the best followed by Brown Swiss and Jersey half breeds. There is little to gain by introducing exotic inheritance beyond 50 per cent from one or other exotic breeds.

(b) There is a proposal to take out the Lam Centre from the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle Breeding. The terminal report has been called for upto July, 1985 but a decision on the date from which it will be taken out of the project is yet to be taken. The reasons for this proposal are as follows :—

- (i) Inadequate supply of green fodder to the animal has adversely affected the technical programme of the project.
- (ii) During the last 3-4 years the performance of the cross-breeds has deteriorated.
- (iii) Mid Term Review Committee has pointed out that unless irrigation facilities are properly developed, it will not be possible to maintain the large herd.
- (iv) This situation was also discussed at the small review committee meeting held in January, 1985 at Izatnagar. The Chairman had agreed to give three months to improve the situation. However, no improvement has been noticed by the Project Coordinator (Animal Breeding).
- (c) There is a proposal to include the Lam Centre in the Project entitled "Improvement of Indigenous Cattle" under the proposed Cattle Directorate to be established during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Establishment of LPT for Lakshadweep

5337. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to establish a low-power transmitter in Lakshadweep group of islands ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) At present, there is no approved scheme to set up a TV transmitter in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Certain Farm Projects in Core Sector of Industries

5338. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a recently held seminar by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industries suggested the inclusion of certain farm projects concerning the production of oilseeds, pulses etc. in the core sector of the industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the suggestion; and

(c) if so, the decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a). The Association Chambers of Commerce and Industries of India (ASSOCHAM) had organised a Seminar in Madras on "Contribution of Corporate Sector to Agricultural Development" on 28th March, 1985. The seminar did not

make any recommendation regarding inclusion of farm projects in the core sector of industries. Broadly what emerged from the seminar was that there is need to induct modern management and technology in certain agricultural sectors such as exports of vegetables, fruit, flowers, meat products etc., oilseeds and pulses.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

Mini Water Sheds Identified in Orissa

5339. SHRI JAGANATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a number of mini water sheds have been identified in different catchment areas in Orissa during 1982-83 and 1983-84;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether soil and water conservation measures have been taken up in some of these mini water sheds during the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) About 341 micro watersheds covering an area of 648000 hec. have been taken up for comprehensive development to elevate and stabilise production in rainfed areas.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) About 5589 hec. have been taken up for land development including soil conservation measures and about 608 water harvesting/storage structures have been installed.

Supply of Wheat, Rice and Pulses to West Bengal

5340. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

- (a) the requirements of West Bengal for wheat, rice and pulses for the year 1984-85;
- (b) whether Central Government propose to meet the demand entirely; and
- (c) the quantity of each commodity to be supplied to that State ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Government of West Bengal were allotted 22.60 lakh tonnes of wheat and 13.20 lakh tonnes of rice against their total demand for 23.10 lakh tonnes and 18.50 lakh tonnes respectively during 1984-85. The allocations from the Central pool are only supplemental to open market availability. Pulses are not allotted from the Central Pool

Implementation of Sampath Committee Recommendations on Sugar Units

5341. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether even after 3 to 4 years of regular crushing, the concessions envisaged by the Sampath Committee have not accrued to the new sugar units;
- (b) whether these new units are not able to pay off their loans to the financial institutions as a result of this;

(c) whether these units had taken loan keeping the concessions in view and any further delay in making the concession available them would have a crippling effect; and