

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b). One milk booth in Sarojini Nagar was demolished on 28.5.1984.

(c) and (d). The delay has been caused due to objections and obstructions from the shop-keepers in the adjoining area as reported by Central Public Works Department who were entrusted with the work of construction of the Milk Booth. In view of this, it is difficult to indicate a target date by which the construction would be completed. However, milk is being distributed to the public at the site.

Import of Cows by NDDB

5392. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REEDY :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite White Revolution brought about by imports of milk powder and butter oil, Government have now decided to import 20,000 foreign female cattle ;

(b) whether NDDB will coordinate and handle the whole operation in respect of import of cows ;

(c) whether this decision is based on projected human population explosion or deficiencies in Operation Flood I and II projects ;

(d) whether imports of cattle are being made under Operation Flood-III project worked out as per Jha Committee findings ; and

(e) the breeds being imported and their minimum and maximum age and value in foreign exchange including cost of transportation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No Sir. Government of India has decided to accept the offer of Her Highness Princess Irene of Greece in donate milch cows.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) No Sir. Jha Committee in its report has not recommended for initiation of Operation Flood III Project.

(e) The various requirements which the gifted cows should comply with have been furnished to Princess Irene. However, no intimation has been received from her regarding the breeds of milch cows to be donated, their minimum and maximum age. Since the milch cows are to be donated, no foreign exchange expenditure is involved including cost of transportation.

Consumption of Fertilizer in India and other Asian Countries

5393. SHRI BIMAL KANTI GHOSH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps have been taken to boost fertiliser consumption in India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the extent to which success has been achieved in the matter during the last five years ; and

(d) the present level of fertiliser consumption in India as compared to the fertilizer consumption per hectare in Republic of Korea, Japan, China, Bangladesh, Thailand, Pakistan and other developing countries of Asia ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b). The various