

thereof and total expenditure incurred and duration over which it was operated before discontinuance;

(c) at which other places, other Centres of Coordinated Cattle Breeding Project have been operating, if so, since when and the total expenditure incurred on each since their start and till end of the Sixth Plan; and

(d) whether the objective set for the project have been met at any of the centres listed under (c) above and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. However a unit of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle has been in operation since, 1972 at Haringhata (West Bengal). The unit was functioning under the State Department of Animal Husbandry West Bengal till 1976 when it was transferred to Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya. The unit was transferred back to the State Deptt. of Animal Husbandry West Bengal since it was not functioning well with the University, but this was done with stipulation that in case it does not show the desired improvement the ICAR will withdraw its support, which was done from September, 1984.

(b) Yes, Sir, the Haringhata unit of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle was discontinued from the Project during the Sixth five year plan since the performance of the unit did not improve as per expectations, in spite of repeated advice. It was, therefore, decided by the Governing Body of the Council that the unit be transferred to the West Bengal Govt. without further financial commitment from the ICAR. The information on the total expenditure incurred on Haringhata unit before its discontinuance is being collected and will be furnished in due course.

(c) The All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle in addition to the Haringhata unit has been in opera-

tion at the following units since the fourth Five Year Plan. The information on the total expenditure incurred on each of the unit since their start till the end of the Sixth five year plan is being collected and will be furnished in due course.

| S. No. | Name of the Unit                                   | Date of start |
|--------|--|---------------|
| 1.     | Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar            | 1.4.1968      |
| 2.     | Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar    | 1.4.1968      |
| 3.     | Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya Jabalpur. | 1.12.1970     |
| 4.     | Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri.           | 1.12.1970     |
| 5.     | Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Lam        | 1.12.1970     |

(d) The major emphasis in this project has been to evolve technologies for bringing about genetic improvement in Cattle for milk. The results achieved under this project have shown that half bred Holstein Friesians perform best irrespective of the location and indigenous breed being used in crossbreeding and that there is little advantage in introducing further exotic inheritance from another exotic breed.

#### Import of Cows

1099. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether European gifted dairy cows have come and if not, the latest position as regards the number being gifted, country-wise, their expected time of arrival and utilization; and

(b) the benefits accruing so far out of imports of such cows during last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Keeping in view the indications that the Government of Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) will consider the possibility of financing a pilot project of 1000 cattle under the Indo-FRG Bilateral Assistance Programme, a Project Document has been prepared by the National Dairy Development Board, and it has been decided to formally pose it to the FRG authorities for its processing.

[Translation]

**Fixation of Price of Sugarcane on Kidwai Formula**

1100. SHRI MANOJ PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the different criteria that are followed in fixing the price of sugarcane;

(b) the criteria to be followed while fixing the price of sugarcane this year; and

(c) whether Government will fix the price of sugarcane this year taking the Kidwai Formula as the base ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories is fixed under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 having regard to the following :

(a) the cost of production of sugarcane;

(b) the return to the grower from alternative crops and the general trend of prices of agricultural commodities;

(c) the availability of sugar to the consumer at a fair price;

(d) the price at which sugar produced from sugarcane is sold by producers of sugar; and

(e) the recovery of sugar from sugarcane.

(b) The minimum price of sugarcane for 1985-86 season has been fixed, keeping in view the factors mentioned at (a) above.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

**Setting up of a TV Studio at Sambalpur**

1101. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is widespread dissatisfaction among the viewers of the Sambalpur Doordarshan Kendra on account of the programme thereof being prepared at Cuttack, repetitions of programmes, unsatisfactory recordings and omissions of important functions from the programmes;

(b) whether the proposal of setting up of a TV studio at Sambalpur is pending for the last nine years; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c). The Sambalpur Kendra is basically a transmitting Centre. It is not equipped with fullfledged Production facility. The Centre is fed with the programmes recorded at the Production Centre in the Cuttack Kendra where the programme Production Centre has been functioning from 1974.

The Sambalpur Kendra also relays national network programmes via the INSAT. Area specific programmes and ETV programmes meant for the cluster