

by a high power (10 KW) transmitter. Implementation of this scheme would, however, depend on actual year-wise allocation of resources.

[*English*]

Decline in Sugarcane Productivity

4503. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM:

DR. D.N. REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane productivity has been on the decline due to failure of ICAR's R&D effort; and

(b) if so, whether beet-root production will be taken up for trials seriously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There has been a marginal fluctuation in productivity during the last few years. However, in the last two years an upward trend in productivity is recorded.

(b) Sugarbeet, as a supplementary sugar crop, is being tried under the All India Coordinated Project.

Sickness of Indalco

4504. SHRI HANAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Aluminium Company is heading towards sickness;

(b) whether Government have gone into the depth of the crisis faced by this leading Aluminium factory; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent the Company from becoming sick?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) The Indian Aluminium Company is not heading towards sickness.

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

[*Translation*]

Immunization of Cattle Against Foot and Mouth Disease

4505. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government makes available only 25 per cent of the amount spent by the States on immunization of cattle against epidemiology of foot and mouth disease under Centrally sponsored schemes; and

(b) whether Central Government proposes to provide cent per cent assistance to check this serious disease as was being done for controlling rinderpest earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme on 'Foot and Mouth Disease Control' the cost of polyvalent vaccine for prophylactic vaccination is shared in the ratio of 25:25:50 between the Centre, the State and the farmer. In case of Union Territories this cost is shared equally between the Centre and the farmer. The monovalent vaccine is used on a limited scale to combat outbreaks and its cost is met in the States equally by the Centre and the State, and fully by the Central Government in the Union Territories.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Allocation of Funds by HUDCO to West Bengal

4506. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been allotted for the construction of houses by HUDCO in West Bengal during the year 1985-86; and

(b) if so, how much amount has been spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). For the year 1985-86, HUDCO has allocated an