

criteria followed regarding the allocation of funds by the Reserve Bank of India for rural credit to the various States Apex Co-operative Banks and Central Banks and also to the various States' Land Mortgage Banks during the last three years particularly in favour of the Karnataka State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Olive

8904. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country which are famous for growing of olive;

(b) the annual production of olive in the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to import foreign technology to improve the production and quality of olive grown in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to increase the production and to improve the quality of olive in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Districts of Srinagar and Jammu in Jammu & Kashmir, Kullu and Chamba in Himachal Pradesh and Dehradun and Nainital in Uttar Pradesh have been found suitable for cultivation of Olive.

(b) Since organised cultivation started only recently the production of olive in the country is negligible.

(c) to (e). A project for improving the production and quality of olive is imple-

mented in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh with Italian assistance. Various steps such as introduction of improved varieties, laying out of demonstration plots in potential areas, establishment of nurseries for the production of planting materials and import of machinery for processing and extraction of olive oil are being taken up under this project.

Swiss Aided Dairy Projects in Orissa

8905. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swiss-aided dairy development projects have been launched in Orissa;

(b) if so, since when and the aid given by Swiss Government during the last three years, year-wise, and for the current year;

(c) the districts in Orissa where the dairy development projects have been launched; and

(d) the project-wise achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Setting up of AIR Station, Cannanore

8906. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for acquisition of land for setting up of the A.I.R. station at Cannanore in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;