

Calcutta	-	259 litres per capita per day.
Delhi	-	238.5 litres per capita per day.

(b) No target has been fixed by the Planning Commission in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Market Intelligence Centre

4387. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received a proposal for setting up market intelligence centre at Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh);

(b) if so, the details thereof and decision taken thereon;

(c) whether a comprehensive plan is proposed to be made for effective market intelligence throughout the country; and

(d) whether statutory Agricultural Marketing and Price Authorities are to be set up in order to protect producer and consumer interests in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal stresses the need for establishing a market intelligence centre for fruits like mango, banana and lime at Vijayawada for protecting small and marginal farmers from exploitation by trade and is under examination.

(c) The National Horticulture Board of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation have launched a project for establish-

ment of Market Information Service on important fruits and vegetables. The project covers twenty specific centres in various States in the country. It is proposed to establish one centre in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) The project for establishment of Market Information Service on Fruits and Vegetables has been sanctioned recently. Necessary action for locating suitable places for establishment of telex service and recruitment of staff for the proposed centres is being initiated.

Exports of Poultry Products

4388. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study on commercial Poultry production to promote export of poultry products has been undertaken by Union Government; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Quality Seeds to Assam

4389. SHRI BHADRESHWAR TANTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Seeds Corporation supplied seeds of various crop to the cultivators of Assam during the last three