

Performance of Indian Immunologicals

4419. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Indian Immunologicals during the last three years indicating the profits before and after tax; and

(b) the sales turn-over, the production and actual quantities sold and stocks in hand during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House as and when received.

Unutilised Funds of Special Nutrition Fund

4420. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a Special Nutrition Fund was set up under Operation Flood I, in 1970;

(b) whether assistance provided under the fund was spent for the benefit of weaker sections of the society; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Rs. 2 crores of the fund are lying in banks unutilised and if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Fund for the Special Nutrition programme was available from 1971-72

onwards.

(b) The assistance under Special Nutrition Programme was intended for the Weaker Section. The programme was implemented in selected integrated child development services (ICDS) projects in cooperation with Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Under the Special Nutrition Programme, till 1980 some 12 crores beneficiaries have been benefitted.

(c) The unspent balance of funds available as on 31.3.1987 was Rs. 236.31. Special Nutrition Programme is in State sector and each State/ UT implements it separately. As on 31st July, 1987, the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development has recommended funding of 14 plants and allied requirements in six States amounting to Rs. 178.05 lakhs.

Interest free advances by I.D.C. to Milk Cooperatives

4421. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Dairy Corporation have given interest free advances to various milk cooperatives and federations as working capital and if so, the sums advanced and details of beneficiaries during last one year;

(b) whether all cooperatives who sought such a facility from the IDC were given such advances and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the guidelines, if any, for the advancement of interest-free advances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND