

Shortage of Milk in Kerala

3461. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are aware of acute shortage of milk in Kerala as a consequence of drought;

(b) whether Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation had approached the Indian Dairy Corporation for assistance;

(c) if so, whether any assistance was given; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There was some deficit in the availability of milk as compared to the quantity of milk marketed by the Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (MILMA).

(b) to (d). The MILMA had approached the erstwhile Indian Dairy Corporation (now National Dairy Development Board) for allotment of skim milk powder, which could not be provided due to the limited availability of skim milk powder with National Dairy Development Board.

Joint Membership of couples in Cooperatives

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DR. V. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee appointed by Union Government has recommended "Joint Membership" for husband and wife teams in cooperative;

(b) if so, whether the committee has also suggested for a "Womans Wing" in every Co-operative Society; and

(c) whether Union Government have taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). The Committee on Co-operative Law for Democratisation and Professionalisation of Management in Cooperatives has *inter-alia* recommended that membership of cooperatives should be open to the husband and wife team having one vote, implying introduction of a system of "joint membership". The Committee has also suggested that the byelaws of the society should provide for women and youth wings.

The Report of the Committee has been sent to the State Governments to examine the various recommendations made therein and to take suitable action towards their implementation.

Mission Oriented Research to solve Farmers' Problems

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have urged the agricultural scientists to adopt "a