

Poultry Breeding of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Pureline Poultry Breeding Programme has also been taken up by some of the Poultry Breeding Farms.

(c) As explained in (b) above, pureline poultry breeding programme has already been taken up in the Central Poultry Breeding Farms under the Department of Agriculture and cooperation and the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Poultry Breeding of Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Quality layer and broiler parent stock is available from these public sector Poultry Breeding Farms/Project.

(d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed layer strain named ILI-80 and broiler strains named IBL-80 and IBB-83.

[Translation]

Closure of sugar mills for modernisation

3968. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some sugar mill owners are trying to close their mills in the name of modernisation ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect the services of the officers and employees working in them ; and

(c) if no action is being taken therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Government have no

such information.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Sugar Mills on verge of closure

3969. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Anand Sugar Mill Khalilabad, Ratna Sugar Mill, Shahganj, Jaunpur and Walterganj Sugar Mill, Basti are on the verge of closure ;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any steps to ensure that these mills do not close down ;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large amount of farmers dues are outstanding against these mills ; and

(e) if so, how Government propose to ensure payment to farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Government have not received any information that the Khalilabad, Ratna and Walterganj Sugar factories intend to close down permanently.

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

(d) The position of sugarcane price payments against these factories is given below :

(Figures in Rs./lakhs)

Sugar Factory	Total cane price payable for 1984-85 season	Cane price paid	Balance for 1984-85 season	Arrears for 1983- and earlier seasons
Khalilabad	42.95	13.67	29.28	Nil
Ratna	83.58	60.20	23.38	Negligible
Walterganj	64.08	64.08	—	Nil