

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

(e) Apart from taking steps to improve the liquidity position of the industry in order to enable it to pay the cane dues, Central Government has been monitoring the position of cane price arrears and issuing directions for their expeditious clearance to the State Government including Government of U.P. However, ensuring payment of cane price dues is the direct responsibility of the State Government who have the necessary field organisations and powers to enforce such payments. The performance of Government of U.P. has been quite satisfactory this season, as is evident from the fact that cane price arrears in U.P. as on 30.6.85 for 1984-85 season stood at 6.2% of the total cane price as against 20.8% on the corresponding date last year.

[English]

Annual Competition in the classical music, light music and folk songs conducted by AIR

3970. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio conducts annually competition in the classical music, Light music and folk songs ;

(b) whether every broadcasting station is directed to conduct these competitions or only selected broadcasting stations conduct these competition

(c) whether contracts are given to the successful candidates by the All India Radio for conducting concerts ;

(d) whether folk music in all the languages is also selected for the purpose of competition ; and

(e) if not, whether there are proposals in the near future to encourage folk music in all the dialects by allotting sufficient time in broadcasting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. AIR

conducts competition in classical music, and light music only.

(b) Yes, Sir. The competition is organised in two stages namely :—

(i) "Preliminary Competition" which is organised at each station of AIR ; and

(ii) "Final Competition" which is held at DG AIR, New Delhi and Madras for Hindustani and Karnataka Music respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. Contracts are given to successful candidates in final competition in each category for broadcasts on AIR.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) AIR Stations are already broadcasting folk music in their day to day programmes regularly. Folk Music forms a very important part of AIR music programme and constitutes 10.91% of the total music programmes which in turn constitute 38% of the total programmes of AIR. Total duration of folk music programmes broadcast during 1984 by AIR was 16,821 hours. AIR Stations broadcast folk music of their own regions as well as other regions.

Broadcast of classical literature

3971. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether classical literature in various languages gets any chance for being broadcast at least once in every month ; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Programmes based on classical literature of various languages are broadcast from different stations of All India Radio from time to time in the following types of programmes regularly and frequently :—

(i) Literary Magazine programme :