

Pilot Project under Food for Work Programme in States

3827. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pilot project launched in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh under the 'Food for Work' Programme and with what result;

(b) whether this project is to be launched in other States; and

(c) whether West Bengal Government has sent any proposal to the Union Government in regard to social forestry and cattle breeding under this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Recently a pilot project has been launched in 4 States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh at the initiative of Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation under the 'Food for Work' scheme. In each project it is proposed to rehabilitate 5,000 families through animal husbandry programme by utilizing waste and scrub forest land. The scheme is designed to benefit the weakest sections of the rural community. The social forestry and cattle breeding form an integral part of the programme. In all, 20,000 families are to receive 10 kgs. of wheat per week under the scheme. As the project has been launched only recently the results are yet to be known.

(b) Yes Sir. The Scheme has been circulated to all the States. Proposals have already been received from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka and the project is to be launched in these States shortly.

(c) No Sir.

Slaughter House, Delhi

3828. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there exists a slaughter house opposite Wazirpur D.T.C. Bus Depot on Ring Road, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is always bad smell in the area due to this and there is also menace of vultures;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a D.D.A. Residential Colony Pitampura is coming up very near; and

(d) whether in view of maintaining good healthy conditions Government propose to shift this slaughter house to some other place and if so, when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) There is no slaughter house but a Carcass Utilisation Centre run by Khadi and Village Industries Commission exists at this place.

(b) Yes, Sir, due to the reasons stated at (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d): D.D.A. have already approved the shifting of the Carcass Utilization Centre from the present site. D.D.A. is also taking action to allot them a plot for the same.

Old Age benefit, to Agricultural Farmers

3829. SHRI RAJ KRISHNA DAWN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural farmers are deprived of the old age benefits,