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Shortage of Text Books

(8) Rajasthan .

4993. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHE-KHARA MURTHY:

SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is still all round shortage of text books in the country although the schools are opening shortly;
- (b) if so, what are the main reasons for shortage of text books;
- (c) what steps Union Government have taken in this regard;
- (d) whether any immediate steps have been under consideration for providing all text books to the students before the new classes are started; and
- (e) whether it is also a fact that last year the students were provided text books very late and they had to suffer a great deal?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):
(a) That there is an all round shortage of text books in the country has not come to the notice of Government of India. The production and distribution of text books is the responsibility of State Governments.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Working of Government Dairy Farms

4994. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

- (a) the details regarding Government dairy farms which are functioning at present, (State-wise), in the country;
- (b) the quantum of milk being produced by these dairy farms; and

(c) the number of new dairy farms proposed to be set up by Government during the Sixth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the States/Union Territories (Animal Hunbandry Departments). The same will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as received by this Ministry.

Demand and Supply of Fertilisers in Bihar

4995. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual demand of fertilizers in Bihar State at present; and
- (b) the data in regard to fertilizers supplied to Bihar during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The demand of fertilisers of States, for each season, are assessed through a system of zonal conferences wherein the agronomic requirements of fertilisers are discussed and worked out jointly by Central Government and the State Governments. The agronomic requirement for Bihar State for Kharif, 1980 (Feb.—July) is as follows:

(figures in 'ooo tonnes)

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