

(ii) Manual exchanges with very large exchange capacities and demands.

(c) as regards Bijapur, it is tentatively proposed to allot automatic exchange equipment for supply during 1983-84. Barring any unforeseen slippages, it is hoped that automatic exchange may be commissioned during 1985-86.

Economy in Delhi Milk Scheme

2685. SHRI R. P. YADAV:
SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NALDU:
PROF. P. J. KURIEN:
SHRI DHARAMBIR SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the measures which have been taken to effect economies in expenditure in the Delhi Milk Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): The following measures are under implementation for effecting economies in expenditure in the Delhi Milk Scheme:

(1) A programme of extensive renovation of the plant and equipment of the Central Dairy with a view to ensuring full utilisation of the capacity, improving efficiency and reducing bottle breakage and loss of fat and solid non fat.

(2) Procurement of raw-milk, through the State Agencies/Co-operatives of the adjoining States in order to get assured quantity of raw-milk on regular basis without incurring overhead expenditure on the maintenance of collection and chilling centres.

(3) Streamlining of stores procedure within the framework of financial rules and delegation of powers to Branch Officers to avoid delay in procurement of articles of stores.

(4) Revision of shift timings and change of the maintenance shift from night to day, resulting in better main-

tenance/repairs of plants and equipment.

(5) Purchase of genuine spares directly from the original manufacturers or their authorised distributors/dealers.

(6) Deploment of duty officer in the Dairy on sundays and holidays and during night shifts on all working days in order to provide proper supervision during non-office hour operations.

(7) Introduction of New Management Accounting and Reporting System based on Monthly Profit and loss statements.

Godowns for Small and Middle Class Farmers

2686. SHRI R. N. RAKESH:
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any scheme for the construction of godowns for storing foodgrains for the benefit of small and middle class farmers, and

(b) if so, the number of godowns constructed during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A scheme called the Scheme for the Establishment of National Grid of rural godowns to meet the storage requirements of agricultural producers, particularly the small and marginal farmers, was formulated and sanctioned in 1979-80. Under the scheme, a part of the cost of construction is given as Central assistance.

(b) During the year 1979-80, Central assistance for the construction of 25 godowns in Andhra Pradesh and 111 godowns in Uttar Pradesh with a total storage capacity of 10,000 tonnes and 37,000 tonnes, respectively, was sanc-