

Milk constituted from skim milk powder and butter oil was sold at the prevailing prices. The issue prices of gift skim milk powder and butter oil to dairies has been regulated so that the availability of the same does not affect milk production.

(c) The milk production in Gujarat State, which is following Anand pattern increased from 18,06,000 MT in 1970-71 to 21,15,000 MT during 1979-80. The Dairy Development Programmes under Operation Flood II, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, and Work Bank assisted projects are implemented mainly on the basis of dairy cooperative societies at village level, which will be responsible for collection of milk from the producers and supply of technical inputs required by member producers, like cattle feed and veterinary services. The usefulness of the approach has also been commended by various Evaluation Missions set up by United Nations, FAO and World Food Programme.

#### **India's Assistance to FAO to Enhance Food Production in Asian and African Countries**

9604. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the FAO has sought any help from India for assistance by way of technology export and personnel to augment the food production in the countries of Asia and Africa and if so, the nature of the help sought and what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): No, Sir.

#### **Pulse Cultivation Area**

9605. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a concerned step has been taken to increase the area under pulse cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes drawn up in this connection; and

(c) whether during the current sowing season more areas will be brought under pulse cultivation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes Sir, the production of pulses during the Sixth Five Year Plan is sought to be increased through additional area approach as well as from existing area with adoption of improved technology.

(b) With a view to supplement the efforts of the State Governments to increase pulses production a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Pulses is being continued to be implemented during the Sixth Five Year Plan. Under this Scheme, assistance is being provided to the farmers by way of subsidies on certified seed, plant protection chemicals, equipment and operational charges and Rhizobium culture. In addition assistance is also provided to the State Governments for laying out demonstrations and production of breeder's seed so as to motivate the farmers to adopt the improved package of practices.

Under the Central Sector, a Minikit demonstration Programme is also being taken. Under this Scheme, minikit demonstrations of improved seed of short duration varieties of various pulses to fit into various inter-cropping programmes are laid on farmers fields.

(c) During the current sowing season it is proposed to bring 11.14 lakh hectares of summer Mong against 6.24 lakh hectares during previous year.

#### **Loan from HUDCO to Construct Houses in Flood Affected Areas**

9606. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) the name of the State Governments who have taken loan from HUDCO to construct houses in their flood affected districts;