

and the availability far exceeding the domestic consumption and the requirements for exports have posed certain problems which are proposed to be tackled effectively by creating a buffer stock. The open market prices of sugar are being kept at reasonable levels through judicious monthly releases of freesale sugar and constant monitoring of the price trends.

Setting up of a National Finance Institution

592. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level working group of Government has recently suggested setting up of a national finance institution "to serve as the Central agency for the flow and regulation of credit to the water supply and sanitation sector";

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this and other allied recommendations of the working group; and

(c) if so, decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Some of the recomen- dations of the Working Group are to be taken by the State Governments and on others by the Central Govern- ment. The recommendations pertain- ing to the State Governments were brought to the notice of the State Government representatives at the Conferences held in New Delhi in February, 1982. As regards the recom- mendations pertaining to the Central Government, they will be considered by the Government and decisions in this regard will take some time. It cannot be said at this stage whether the re- commendations will be accepted by the Central Government or not.

Dwindling cattle breeding projects at National Institute IVRI

593. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR cattle breeding project is plagued by high death rate and poor yields of milk and calve and as a result prestigious herds are dwindling even at IVRI, a national in- stitute;

(b) whether research farm near Cal- cutta that had over 2000 cattle had lost all but 500 in 13 years GB, ICAR taking a serious view directed DG to visit and report about the situation in 1979, and what is the latest stock number;

(c) from the start of crossbreeding, how much amount was spent near Cal- cutta Farm and at IVRI under ICAR projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for fixing responsibility for losses after GB took decision in 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No Sir, there was no heavy mortality in IVRI herd and the herd strength in the unit at IVRI has increased by 262 per cent (from 395 in 1969 to 1050 in 1982) with survivability rate of more than 80 per cent. The production has increased by 333 per cent (600 kg. in Haryana to 2,000 kg. in cross-breeds) over the same period of the project.

(b) As decided by the Governing Body of the ICAR in 1979, the Direc- tor General, ICAR visited the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Cat- tle Breeding Unit located at Harin- ghata on January 24, 1980 alongwith Assistant Director General (Animal Production & Breeding) and the Pro- ject Co-ordinator (Animal Breeding), ICAR, to discuss the problems being encountered in the implementation of

the technical programme with the project staff, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya management, and the representatives of the State Government of West Bengal. Their report was submitted to the Governing Body. The concern of the Governing Body was conveyed to management of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya. The Governing Body at a subsequent meeting authorised the Director General, ICAR to finalise the terms and conditions of transfer of the Project from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya to the State Government within the scope of the current pattern of assistance. The administrative control of the unit alongwith its assets and liabilities has thereafter actually been retransferred from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya to the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Government of West Bengal w.e.f. 1-9-1982.

The milk production at Haringhatta unit after the transfer of the unit to the State Government has increased by about 300 per cent and since then more than 100 calves were born without any casualty total number of AI's done were 347 and the number of pregnancies declared was 140. The performance of the herd thus seems to have improved. The Governing Body of the ICAR has been kept apprised of the development.

(c) The total expenditure at the IVRI unit upto 1973-74 was Rs 43.86 lakhs and thereafter the scheme was merged as a non-plan research activity of the Institute and no separate account of the expenditure on the Scheme was maintained. The total expenditure incurred at Haringhatta unit from 1969-70 to 1979-80 was of the order of Rs 236.70 lakhs.

(d) The Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences) ICAR visited the Haringhatta Unit on 18th October, 1981 and advised the State Government of West Bengal to take up screening of the animals against T.B. Brucellosis and other reproductive diseases and to improve the cultivated fodder production.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research had also constituted a mid-term appraisal committee to review the working of the project and its report is expected in a few months. The ICAR has further constituted a committee comprising Project Co-ordinator (AB) and Joint Director, IVRI a senior health specialist, for looking into the working of the Haringhatta Unit and to submit its report on the Progress of the Centre. The Committee has submitted its report and has found significant improvement in the working of this project after its transfer to the State Government of West Bengal. It has also made a number of recommendation for bringing about further improvement.

Under the circumstances mentioned above the question of fixing responsibility does not arise at this stage.

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594. श्री शिव कुमार सिंह ठाकूर : क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ताप्ती नदी पर मध्य प्रदेश और महाराष्ट्र की संयुक्त सिंचाई योजना के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा कितनी सहायता दी जा रही है ;

(ख) इस योजना पर मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1982-83 के दौरान कितनी धनराशि व्यय किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) इस योजना के पूरा होने की लक्षित तिथि क्या है ?

सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जियाउर्रहमान अंसारी): (क) संविधान के अन्तर्गत सिंचाई एक राज्य-विषय है और सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए धन की व्यवस्था राज्य सरकारों द्वारा अपनी सम्स्त योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत की जाती है। राज्यों को केन्द्रीय सहायता ब्लाक ऋणों/अदानों के रूप में दी जाती है और वह विकास के किसी विशिष्ट सेक्टर अथवा परियोजना के लिए नहीं होती।