

Functions of the Primary and Marketing Societies

2007. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has pointed out that the functions between the primary and marketing societies overlap each other; and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is engaging the attention of the Bombay Government. It is the policy of that Government to avoid such overlapping.

The attention of other States is also being drawn to this and they are being requested to avoid it.

Ford Foundation Grants

2008 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state the total amount of grants received from the Ford Foundation of New York for Community Development Scheme during 1958-59?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): Rs. 12,96,4280.25 nP.

Large Co-operative Societies

2009. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to form more large co-operative societies in future; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes.

(b) In a rural Co-operative the members should have intimate knowledge of one another as well as a sense of mutual obligation and concern for the rehabilitation of the weaker sections of the community. Co-operation should, therefore, be based on close contact, social cohesion and mutual obligation among the members. This objective will be better served if primary co-operatives are organised on the basis of the village community as the primary unit. The question was considered by the National Development Council in its meetings in November, 1958 and April, 1959. The Government of India have accepted the views of the National Development Council and communicated the decision to the State Governments.

Sheep Breeding in Punjab

2010. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadhi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has recently been put forward by the Punjab Government about sheep breeding in the State; and

(b) if so, the nature of the scheme and help sought by the Punjab Government for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishappa): (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme aims at the establishment of a sheep breeding farm in Kulu Valley, Punjab for evolving better quality of sheep and wool and for imparting scientific knowledge in sheep husbandry and wool production to the shepherds in the hilly tracts of the Punjab. The State Government requested that the entire cost of Rs. 2,03,146 might be met by the Council. As the nature of work envisaged had not been clearly specified, the scheme was returned to the State Government for clarification which is still awaited.