

(c) The following schemes have been included in the Second Plan:

- (1) Stocking with fish a large number of impounded waters.
- (2) Setting up of a Cold Storage Plant.
- (3) Distribution of interest free loans to Fisheries Co-operative Societies.
- (4) Pisciculture in Bhakra Dam Lake.
- (5) Stocking of Chandigarh Lake with fish.
- (6) Setting up of a separate Fisheries Section in the State Government.

Animal Husbandry and Milk Supply Schemes in Punjab

1073. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Punjab during the First Five Year Plan for carrying out programmes of animal husbandry and milk supply in the State;

(b) the amount of money actually spent;

(c) the amount of money which was allotted to Punjab during the Second Plan period so far for this purpose;

(d) the amount of money spent so far; and

(e) whether loans were advanced to co-operative societies in Punjab for the purchase of milk cattle?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Rs. 3.89 lakhs;

(b) Rs. 8.17 lakhs.

(c) A grant of Rs. 68.87 lakhs and a loan of Rs. 11.30 lakhs were sanctioned to Punjab Government during the first three years of the Second Plan. In 1959-60 central assistance amounting to Rs. 28.28 lakhs as grant

and Rs. 9.54 lakhs as loan has been approved for allotment to the State Government for development of Animal Husbandry including sheep, wool and poultry development, veterinary education and eradication of rinderpest and dairying and milk supply.

(d) Rs. 21.32 lakhs as grant and Rs. 4.51 lakhs as loan up to 1958-59. The figures of actual expenditure for 1959-60 so far have not yet been made available by the State Government.

(e) Information has been called for from the State Government and will be furnished to the Lok Sabha as soon as it is received.

Forest Development in Himachal Pradesh

1074. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the financial assistance given to Himachal Pradesh for forest development during 1959-60 so far?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): No financial assistance as such is given to Union Territories as all the expenditure incurred by them is met by the Central Government from funds voted for the purpose by the Parliament. The amount provided for expenditure by the Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh during 1959-60 is Rs. 65.74 lakhs.

Japanese Method of Paddy Cultivation

1075. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of land in the country at present cultivated by Japanese method of paddy cultivation; and

(b) the approximate yield per acre by the above method?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) The total area reported to have been benefited by some or all of the components of the Japanese Method of Paddy Cultivation, during the year 1958-59 is approximately 5.6 million acres.