

Unsatisfactory Functioning of Research Units of Coordinated Projects in Universities

2230. DR. A.U. AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director-General, ICAR conveyed in a Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of Agriculture Universities in December, 1981 that Research units of Coordinated Projects in these Universities were not functioning satisfactorily and they should be screened ;

(b) projects-wise list of centres existing in Universities and which ones and from when they are not working satisfactorily ;

(c) duration of operation of such centre and expenditure made from start ;

(d) when was Governing Body appraised of the position about each unsatisfactory centre and decision taken in each case ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) While reviewing the functioning of the Coordinated Research Projects, the Chairman observed that such of the units of Coordinated Projects functioning in Agricultural Universities which were not functioning satisfactorily should be screened out and inefficient ones should be closed.

(b) It has been decided to appoint review teams to examine the functioning of each coordinated project in detail. This would also enable to identify the centres not working satisfactorily. A list of existing Coordinated Projects functioning in Ag-

ricultural Universities is laid on the table of the House.

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(c) Does not arise at this stage.

(d) As soon as the work of the assessment is completed, the Governing Body will be apprised of the position.

(e) The action to be taken will have to be considered only after receipt of the findings of the Review Teams.

Procurement of Milk by Reconstitution of SMP and Butter Oil

2231. SHRI B.D. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of average quantity of milk procured per day by reconstitution of SMP and butter oil in Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Calcutta in 1970-71, 1980-81 and 1981-82 ;

(b) sources and quantities received from each out of average daily milk procured in Delhi, separately for Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, in 1981-82 and corresponding average daily through put of Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy ;

(c) reasons why despite 50 per cent enhancement in national milk production, average milk procured daily for Delhi had increased by only 16 per cent ;

(d) reasons also of decline in milk procured for Calcutta as compared with 1970-71 level and more than doubled procurement for Bombay ; and

(e) the value of quantity of SMP imported inclusive of that gifted annually since Operation Flood I began till 1981-82 ; reason for and value of large quantities proposed to be imported ?