

been proposed by either side in order to settle upon the optimum solution for urgent implementation. It was decided that the Joint Rivers Commission would complete the pre-feasibility study and decided upon the optimum solution within 18 months, at the end of which the two Govts. would immediately implement the augmentation proposal agreed upon by the Joint Rivers Commission. Meanwhile, the two leaders agreed on the releases for sharing the flow available at Farakka for the next two dry seasons, and the joint inspection and monitoring arrangements for this purpose. It was further agreed that in the case of exceptionally low flows during either of the next two dry seasons, the two Governments would hold immediate consultations and decide how to minimise the burden to either country.

It was also agreed that a further and final sharing agreement should be reached immediately after the completion of pre-feasibility study of augmentation, in the light of the decision on the optimum solution for augmentation that would be implemented following pre-feasibility study.

Setting up of Centres in Backward areas of Andhra Pradesh

2291. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IARI propose to set up 50 centres particularly for the benefit of the farmers in the backward areas ;

(b) if so, the number of such centres that will be set up in Andhra Pradesh with their location and the subjects that will be dealt with ; and

(c) when will these centres start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN: (a) The Indian Agricultural

Research Institute (IARI) is only one of the several Institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). It is the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and not IARI which has proposed to set up 50 new Krishi Vigyan Kendras by the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan. These Krishi Vigyan Kendras are being established specially in backward district of the States with a view to strengthening vocational training programmes for the farmers, farm women, school dropouts and field level extension workers.

(b) The State of Andhra Pradesh has one Krishi Vigyan Kendra since 1976 at Hyderabad. A Visiting Team was constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for this State to identify suitable locations for establishment of new Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the Sixth Five-Year Plan. The team has recently visited the State and the report of the team is awaited. As soon as the report is received in the Council, the case will be processed for taking a decision regarding establishment of new Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The training courses in the Krishi Vigyan Kendras are based on the local needs in the areas of: (a) crop production; (b) livestock production including fisheries ; (c) horticulture both fruits and vegetable production ; (d) farm machinery and equipment ; (e) home science and home management ; (f) soil and water conservation etc.

(c) The new Krishi Vigyan Kendras are expected to start functioning soon.

Heavy monthly release of free sale sugar and its impact on sugar prices

2292. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite record output of sugar,