

(b) (c) and (f) The increase in the licence fee at the time of renewal is made per terms of the agreement keeping in view the rent prevalent in the market and the surrounding areas.

(d) It is a matter of contract between the two parties concerned.

(e) The MCD have informed that there is no such policy at present prevailing in MCD.

The Delhi Cantonment Board and the Directorate of Estates have also not adopted any proposal to increase in the monthly rent/licence fee.

Manipulative Trade in fruits and Vegetables in Delhi

941. SHRI R. N. RAKESH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the existence of manipulative trade in fruits and vegetables in Delhi and wide differences in retail prices of commodities like potatoes and onions; and

(b) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken to protect the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration, no specific complaint of manipulative trade in fruits and vegetable in Delhi has been received by them. In view of the rise in the retail prices of onions and potatoes in Delhi in recent months, arrangements have been made to sell onions and potatoes through more than 200 retail outlets of Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandars and Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation. Onions are sold at Rs. 2.50 a Kg. and Potatoes at Rs. 2.00 a Kg.

Setting Up Of Central Buffalo Research Institute

942. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a central buffalo research institute to fulfil the growing need of improved varieties of buffaloes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal regarding the establishment of a Central Institute for Research on Buffalo during the Sixth Five Year plan has been cleared by the Plan Implementation Committee of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.

On the basis of the recommendations of the Task Force constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for suggesting a suitable location for the Institute, it has now been decided by the ICAR to locate the main campus of the Institute at Hissar in Haryana and its three regional stations in Punjab, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The matter regarding the creation of posts for the Institute and taking over of land at the proposed locations is under process.

Recommendations made by the Advisory Council on P. D. S

943. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations made by the Advisory Council on the Public Distribution System in its meeting held on 7 November, 1983; and

(b) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution was held under the chairmanship of the Union Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad, on the 7th November, 1983. After the deliberations in the meeting,