

mid-course correction and requests have been received from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Construction of Sea Walls to Avoid Erosion of Land in Nicobar.**

10259. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that A.N. Nicobarese Employees Welfare Association has demanded in their Memorandum submitted to Prime Minister and Home Minister regarding construction of sea walls to avoid erosion of land by sea in Nicobar, if so, the details; and

(b) in the last five years how much money has been spent in Andaman District to prevent seeping of salt water and erosion of land by sea water and how much money has been spent in the tribal area of Nicobar district, in this regard, giving details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The A.N. Nicobarese Employees Welfare Association in their Memorandum have placed a demand for protection of land from erosion in Nicobar District. Construction of Sea Walls for protection of land at Car Nicobar in MUS village etc., have been suggested for controlling the erosion.

(b) Information is being collected from Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration.

**Manufacture of Ice Cream in Private Small Scale Sector**

10260. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to reserve manufacture

of ice cream to private small scale sector and if so, when was this policy decision taken;

(b) whether it was in pursuance of this that costly ice cream equipment of DMS was auctioned off recently;

(c) whether Government are aware that ice cream is a rich food and should be handled by Government dairies on no profit no loss basis and should be supplied to school children and low income groups as a national policy; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider its policy and take necessary steps to provide ice cream to needy school children ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE : (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) The manufacture of ice cream is reserved for small scale sector since December, 1977.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Ice cream is treated as a luxury food in our country and there are other cheaper but equally nutritional foods.

(d) Does not arise

**Farm Families Covered by Operation Flood-II**

10261. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Operation Flood II proposal or July 1976 from National Dairy Development Board 8.7 million farm families were to be covered by 1982-83 and if so, the number actually covered;

(b) whether 7.3 million milch animals were also to be reared by 1982-83 and if so, the actual achievement made;

(c) whether 13.5 million litres of milk was to be produced and marketed