

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

daily by cooperatives and if so the actual position;

(d) whether per capita milk production was to reach 125 grammes dairy and if so, the achievement so far; and

(e) whether Government are satisfied with the progress and if so, the details of evaluation/assessment made so far; if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The number of milk producers' families participating was 22.31 lakhs by 1982-83.

(b) The number of milch animals reared was estimated to be 5,25,000 by 1982-83.

(c) The milk procured and marketed by cooperatives was 32.9 lakh litres per day by 1982-83.

(d) The milk production per capita daily during 1982-83 was estimated to be 135 grammes.

(e) Due to delay in completion of pre-requisite formalities under Operation Flood-II, the planning process was not initiated simultaneously in all the States. In order to implement the project to achieve the targets under Operation Flood-II, the Steering Committee at its meeting held on 3-6-1983 had decided to extend the Operation Flood-II Project upto 1989-90. However, the approval of the competent authority is yet to be accorded.

The Operation Flood II Project is being regularly reviewed in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Operation Flood II is also being reviewed by an Inter Ministerial Steering Committee.

News Item "Costly Catastrophe"

10262. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn drawn to "Costly Catastrophe" in Delhi Recorder-March, 1984 on tetramilk cleared in 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tetrapak project as approved was to cost Rs. 0.10 to 0.50 per litre more than similar milk in sachets;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Amul and Indore Dairies are profiting by over Rs. 2/- per litre by selling Tetramilk in Bombay; and

(d) whether Government propose to stop helping cooperatives such as Amul, indulging in such wholesale profiteering and diversion of milk to the affluent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes Sir. The Government has seen the Press Report in Delhi Recorder, March, 1984.

(b) As per Project Feasibility Report the milk in Tetrapak was expected to cost about 15 paise per litre more than similar milk in sachet. In Bombay, however, both are being sold at the same price.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Milk Sheds Created Under O.F. II

10263. SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in addition to rural milk sheds created under Operation Flood-I, 25 new milk sheeds were to be created under operation Flood-II and if so, the details of achievement made;

(b) the pre-project milk production in operation Flood-I and Operation Flood-II milk sheds and the present production;

(c) how many cluster federations have been created so far under Operation