

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is, however, a possibility of an Indo-Afghan Joint Committee meeting taking place to draw up a bilateral Cultural Exchange Programme.

**Dairy Project under Co-operative Bhojir of Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh**

1145. SHRI K. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a dairy project on the lines of Anand in Gujarat in Bhojir of Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh under Co-operative sector ;

(b) if so, whether a team of experts visited Bhojir area recently in this connection ; and

(c) whether the Milk Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh gave an adverse opinion on this proposal and on its location in Visakhapatnam area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) There is no such proposal. There is already a milk chilling centre functioning at Bhojir which can handle up to 20,000 litres of milk per day.

(b) No team of experts visited Bhojir area in this connection.

(c) This is not true.

**Cotton Production in Andhra Pradesh**

1146. SHRI K. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken for cotton production in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the central aid given for increasing cotton production in the State ;

(c) the prices prevailing during the last three years in the State ; and

(d) whether any comprehensive plan is formulated to improve cotton production in the country and in Andhra Pradesh in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The follow-

ing Centrally Sponsored schemes are being implemented for raising cotton production in Andhra Pradesh :

(i) Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Maximised cotton production including the scheme for the development of Sea Island cotton.

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Intensive Cotton District Programme.

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening cotton seed multiplication programme.

In addition, the State Government is implementing Co-ordinated Cotton Development Scheme in the 'State Sector'.

(b) During 1971-72, a sum of Rs. 48.17 lakhs was released to State Government for implementing above Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The amount released during 1969-70 and 1970-71 was Rs. 1.22 lakhs and Rs. 14.00 lakhs respectively.

(c) A statement showing the wholesale prices of Laxmi variety of cotton lint prevailing at Adoni Centre in the State during the year 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 is enclosed.

(d) Yes, the Intensive Cotton District Programme has been launched from 1971-72 in nine major cotton growing States, which includes Andhra Pradesh.

*Statement*

*Month-end wholesale prices of Laxmi Variety (Lint) at Adoni Centre in Andhra Pradesh*

*(Rs. per Quintal)*

Month	1971-72	1970-71	1969-70
September	525	475	N. T.
October	N. T.	N. T.	N. T.
November	N. T.	485	N. T.
December	N. T.	N. T.	N. T.
January	N. T.	N. T.	N. T.
February	N. T.	651	481
March	401	620	485
April	440	440	485
May	435	560	483
June	N. T.	630	496
July	410 (14.7.72)	700	485
August		600	505

N. T.—No Transaction.