

Recommendation of Andhra Pradesh Government for Nationalisation of Private Sugar Factories

87. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Government have recommended to the Union Government to nationalise all private Sugar Factories as early as practicable; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Centre thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No such recommendation has been received so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Farms in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh etc. by State Farms Corporation

88. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Farms Corporation of India has approved in principle the proposal to establish farms in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which it will start functioning; and

(c) whether Government have in view to establish such farms in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) It has been accepted in principle to establish farms in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh subject to the sites proposed by the State Governments being found suitable.

(b) Feasibility Reports of the farms are being finalised. If after careful study the sites proposed are found suitable, the farms are likely to be established shortly. The exact date by which the farm will be established cannot be indicated at this stage.

(c) The feasibility of setting up of farms in other States, where there are no farms in existence is being explored with the State

Governments of Bihar, U.P., Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Nagaland for suggesting suitable sites for setting up of such farms

Breeding of Cows and Buffaloes

89. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take in the direction of breeding of cows and buffaloes to improve the economic life of the people in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : Government are fully alive to the low productivity of our cows buffaloes and the need for the rapid improvement in them. Our national breeding policy has, therefore been reoriented to place special emphasis on cross-breeding. Some of the more important breeding programmes undertaken/proposed are :

1. Greater use of the artificial insemination technique for breeding cows and buffaloes with high quality semen.

2. Cross-breeding with liquid and frozen semen of exotic breeds.

3. A Progeny Testing Scheme to identify the real genetic merit of the bulls at younger age and to ensure use and multiplication of only such selected bulls whose genetics superiority is tested and confirmed.

4. Establishment of frozen Semen Stations to ensure greater and more efficient utilisation of the semen produced by high grade animals, both of indigenous and exotic breeds.

5. Import of frozen semen and animals of exotic breeds for production of superior exotic germ plasm which may later support the cross breeding and upgrading activities.

Demand for Increasing the Number of Colleges in Delhi

90. SHRI ARVIND NETAM :
SHRI S.C. SAMANTA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a great demand to increase the number of Colleges in Delhi; and