

Misappropriation of money by a flour mill in Kanpur

2835. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item in *Dainik Jagran* of Kanpur dated the 23rd October, 1972 regarding misappropriation of more than a lakh of rupees in one of the flour mills in Kanpur;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the mill concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under investigation.

Scheme of employment by national Dairy Research Institute through Animal Husbandry.

2836. SHRI INDER J. MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the studies made by the National Dairy Research Institute of providing additional employment in the rural areas by encouraging animal husbandry, at much less capital investment than through investment in industries;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the place of animal husbandry in the programmes envisaged for development of rural economy in the Fourth and fifth Plans and outline of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes.

The National Dairy Research Institute has recently initiated studies on the economic of dairy farming under rural conditions. The initial results of the study are promising and the study is being continued.

(b) The results of the study will be examined after it is completed.

(c) The Animal Husbandry Programmes under the Fourth Five Year Plan aim at increasing the supply of protective foods like milk, milk products, meat and eggs and improving the output of certain animal products of commercial importance such as wool. As Animal Husbandry also offers scope for diversification of the economy of the small farmers and landless labourers, considerable importance has been given to it in the programmes envisaged for development of rural economy. Under the Fourth Plan, a number of production oriented programmes are being implemented for increasing the supply of principal livestock products. These programmes rely on scientific breeding, better feeding and management, effective disease control and proper marketing facilities. The major programmes taken up are:—

1. Key Village Scheme.

2. Intensive Cattle Development Project.

3. Feed & Fodder Development Programmes.

4. Intensive Egg and Poultry production-cum-Marketing Centres.

5. Cross-breeding programme.

6. Sheep and Wool Extension Centres.

7. Sheep shearing, wool grading and marketing Centres.

8. Rinderpest Eradication Programme.

9. Operation Flood Project.