

Request from West Bengal for Establishment of Cattle Breeding Centre at Salboni, Midnapur

970. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal has approached the Central Government for the establishment of a Cattle Breeding Centre at Salboni in Midnapur District; and

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

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

(b) The site has been inspected by a team of officers. Adequate irrigation facilities are not available at the site at present. The State Government is sinking tubewells on the site and developing it further. The decision to set up Central Cattle Breeding Farm will depend on the availability of water and provision of other facilities, at the site as promised by the State Government.

Production of Science Books in Regional Languages

971. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures adopted to encourage the production of science

books in the regional languages through Vigyan Vikas Samiti or otherwise; and

(b) whether some financial assistance will be given to the States in this context?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF S. NURUL HASAN): (a) According to information available with the Government, Vigyan Vikas Samiti has recently been established in Delhi. It has been reported that the Vigyan Vikas Samiti proposes to take up their book writing programme. In addition, the Vigyan Vikas Samiti is actively considering publication of popular science literature including handy science encyclopaedia in the near future. They have not approached the Government for assistance.

Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of production of books and literature in regional languages at the university level State Governments in consultation with the university authorities have produced books on science and technology in Hindi and regional languages. Certain organisations under the Government have also included in their publication programme the production of popular science books in regional languages, Urdu and Hindi. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research are bringing out popular science books and has so far publish.