

preliminary indications are that the World Bank will consider giving assistance for Ground Water Survey and Monitoring and demonstration research on filter points. Groundwater development projects will be financed by the Agricultural Refinance Development Corporation who will be reimbursed under the general line of credit to the tune of 55 per cent of the disbursement by the International Development Association of the World Bank.

Co-ordination on breeding of livestock and poultry

2057. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the type of machinery at present existing between Department of Agriculture and Department of Agricultural Research and Education for co-ordination on work on breeding of livestock and poultry;

(b) whether animal scientists of ICAR headquarters are making available data to press exposing follies in animal production programme adopted by Department of Agriculture; and

(c) steps the ICAR administration have taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Programmes for research and development in breeding of livestock and poultry carried out by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Department of Agricultural Research and Education and the Department of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are coordinated at the following two forums:—

1. Research and Development Co-ordination Committee, and

2. Central Poultry Development Advisory Council.

In addition specialists in the I.C.A.R. are members of Advisory Councils, Conferences, Committees/Seminars and other Forums where development programmes and progress of development programmes are discussed and the specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture participate fully in all-group discussions in the I.C.A.R. through membership in Scientific Panels, Committees, Seminars and as invitees at the Workshops and other group discussions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement in productivity of Government Printing Presses

2058. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been major improvement in the functioning and productivity of various Government printing presses; and

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce the printing of Government periodicals and documents including publications of D.A.V.P. and publications Division from private presses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT):

(a) Yes, Sir. There has been some improvement in the productivity of the Government of India Presses. The average of the number of impression per hour during 1975-76 has been 36,770 as against the average of 36,210 during 1974-75.

(b) Efforts are being made in consultation with D.A.V.P. and Publications Division to have printed in the Government of India Presses as many of their periodicals, publications etc. as are possible within the technical resources of the Presses.