

Supply of Improved Seeds

2542. Shri Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the supply of improved seeds of Mexican wheat, hybrid maize, paddy and other grains in the country; and

(b) the number of seed farms engaged in the multiplication of foundation seed and when the country is expected to become self-sufficient with regard to improved seeds?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). Arrangements have been made by the National Seeds Corporation in collaboration with the State Governments to produce seeds of these varieties and hybrids for kharif crop of 1966. Similar arrangements will be made for Rabi season also.

Foundation seed for these varieties are multiplied in some of the State Seed Farms and through contract producers selected from amongst progressive farmers.

Every effort is being made to be self-sufficient in the matter of seeds for the targets of coverage fixed for the Fourth Five Year Plan for these High Yielding and Hybrid varieties in the next two or three years.

Dairy Projects

2543. Shri Linga Reddy: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dairy projects in the Union Territories under the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount invested in them;

(c) the milk and other milk products supplied by them; and

(d) the number of dairies proposed to be started in the Fourth Five Year Plan and the amount involved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) Seven.

(b) Rs. 31,83,800 (approx.).

(c) Whole milk (cow and buffalo), reconstituted milk (at Goa only), butter and ghee.

(d) Thirteen units with a capital outlay of Rs. 1,33,000 (approx.).

Joint B.D.O. System in each Block

2544. Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to introduce Joint Block Development Officer system in each Block;

(b) if so, the idea of introducing Joint Block Development Officer system; and

(c) in which States this has already been introduced?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Applied Nutrition Programme

2545. Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission for Applied Nutrition Programme has been undertaken in all Community Development Blocks;