

Scheme to Save Milch Cows and Buffaloes

**3068. Shri Brij Basi Lal:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a five year scheme to save milch cows, calves and buffaloes which are either slaughtered or starved to death annually in Calcutta and elsewhere has been drawn up by the Central Council of Gosamvardhan;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure to be incurred on the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) Yes. The scheme, however, aims at the salvage of high yielding dry cows only.

(b) In April, 1966.

(c) According to the scheme as drawn up by the Central Council of Gosamvardhan, the estimated cost of the scheme for five years is Rs. 106 lakhs.

Agricultural Production

**3069. Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shrimati Jayaben Shah:**

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

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the uneven distributional character of the benefits of the programme for increasing agricultural production creating inter-personal and regional inequalities among farmers as pointed out by Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao in the concluding para of his lecture delivered at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi,

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent tension and discontent among the

farmers arising out of such programme; and

(c) the steps taken so that small farmers may also be enabled to take advantage of the increased credit and other input facilities that are being provided for agricultural production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra) (a) and (b). Yes. Government's attention has been drawn to the Text of Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao's lecture. There is no difference in the basic strategy to be adopted for increasing production between what has been accepted by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation and the views expressed by Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao. There are certain emphasis on details by Dr. Rao, which in his view are necessary to make the programme a success.

(c) Arrangements for the Agricultural Production programme provide for inputs and credit facilities for all the farmers in areas selected, without any discrimination with regard to the size of the farm.

Production of 'Hilsa'

3070. Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to an interview given by Shri V. R. Pantube, a Senior Research Officer of the Central Inland Fisheries Institute, Barrackpore, to a Calcutta daily making the following observation:

"loss of spawning grounds in the rivers Damodar and Rupnarain caused by the construction of the D.V.C. dams is largely responsible for the sharp decline in the production of 'hilsa' in the country"; and

(b) if so, what inquiries have been made to lead to this conclusion?