

(b) The main objective of the investigation proposed is to have precise knowledge on the total water resources in this belt which can safely be put to use for agricultural production by way of developing tubewell wellfield areas and also for conducting in trans-Gangetic region groundwater explorations for delineating further areas which are groundwater worthy for sinking irrigation tubewells. The proposals also include experimentation on higher capacity wells, tackling corrosion problems of tubewells, integrated or coordinated use of surface and groundwaters, scope for recharging the well-field areas and also on a limited scale development of saline or usar lands.

(c) The area tentatively selected is best suited for intensive and rapid agricultural development.

F.A.O. Aid for Rice Mills

2557. **Shri Kolla Venkaiah:** Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation has recently offered any aid for setting up modern rice mills;

(b) if so, the form and amount of aid offered to this country;

(c) the number and capacity of rice mills proposed to be set up; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the offer?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) to (c). As a part of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, the Food and Agriculture Organisation has offered a grant of about \$1.6 million in foreign exchange for the purchase of equipment for setting up of 4 modern rice mill units, 2 parboiling units and 9 community drying and storage centres and to meet the cost of the services of foreign technical experts for assisting in construction and initial operations

of these units. The capacity of each rice mill unit will be 4 tons per hour.

(d) The offer has been accepted.

Dairy Projects

2558. **Shri Kolla Venkaiah:** Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dairy projects completed in the first three Plans;

(b) the total cost of these projects and the foreign exchange component involved therein;

(c) the capacity of the dairy industry in the country and the percentage of its utilisation in 1964-65 and 1965-66; and

(d) the reasons for the failure in full utilisation of the capacity?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) 39 (Thirtynine).

(b) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha when received.

Advisory Committee for Consumer Cooperatives

2559. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to set up a 26-member Central Advisory Committee for consumer Co-operatives under his chairmanship; and

(b) if so, the functions thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The functions of the Committee are:—

(i) to recommend measures for the sound and integrated development of consumer cooperatives.

- (ii) to review the progress of consumer cooperatives from time to time with particular reference to organisational, supply and financial aspects;
- (iii) to suggest measures for enlisting greater participation of the people in the programme and fostering their initiative and leadership; and
- (iv) to review arrangements for the training of personnel required for the programme.

Food Packets Gifted by Holland

2560. Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri Hem Barua:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that food packets gifted to India by the people of Holland have been openly sold in Bombay and other places;

(b) if so, whether any investigation was held into this matter; and

(c) the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) to (c). Allegations were made that some tins of oats gifted to India by Holland were sold in open market in Bombay. Enquiries made revealed that the Government of India had not received any gift consignments of oats from Holland but that certain charitable organizations did receive consignments of oats from that country. These were distributed by them under their own arrangements and the Government of India had no hand in the matter.

Survey of Forests for Maintenance of Infirm Animals

2561. Shri Krishnapal Singh: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made about large tracts of forests in the country where old and infirm cattle can be maintained without much cost; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) Yes. A survey with regard to the location of suitable sites for the establishment of Gosadans was conducted by the Central Council of Gosamvardhana from April, 1954 to September, 1955.

(b) The scheme for the establishment of Gosadans was initiated in the First Five Year Plan to segregate old, infirm and unproductive cattle from areas where active cattle development work has been taken up and to maintain them in the Gosadans located to be located in the interior forest areas and other wastelands where adequate grazing and water facilities are available. So far 86 Gosadans including 18 district Gosadans have been established in the various States. This scheme is also being continued in the Fourth Plan.

Slaughter Houses

2562. Shri Krishnapal Singh:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to establish larger slaughter houses in the country;

(b) if so, their number and location; and

(c) the estimated total expenditure on these houses and the amount already spent?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) to (c). "Establishment of Slaughter Houses" is a State Plan Scheme. The required information is