

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
NATIONAL DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
S. SAIDUZZAMAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Former Chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has recently criticised on NDDB's ties with MNCs;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether NDDB has been losing heavily on its Fruits and Vegetables Project in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)to(d): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.165 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2003.

(a) & (b):- Yes, Sir. NDDB does not have any Joint Venture with Multi National Companies. Mother Dairy Foods Limited, a wholly owned Company of subsidiary of NDDB has offered to form Joint Venture Companies with the State Cooperative Dairy Federations for the purpose of strengthening the marketing of their milk and milk products. This offer is purely voluntary in nature.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.