GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:99 ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002 PAYMENTS TO DELHI FEDERATION RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the payments being released to Delhi Federation onpresentation of GR/RR before the stocks reach their destination;

(b) if so, whether this is as per past practice;

(c) if not, the action taken against the persons responsible for releasing payment to DF together with details of the amount released; and

(d) the reasons for DF not being the agent of NAFED for APO after March, 1996?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): NAFED has released th payment to Delhi Federation on the presentation of GR/RR as peterms of agreement made between NAFED and Delhi Federation. However, the Delhi Federation claimed payment of Rs.5.5 crore from NAFED without supplying goods to APO. CBI registered a case and after investigation, filed charge sheet in the court against two officers of NAFED. NAFED has also initiated disciplinary proceedings against other responsible officials.

(d): As no fresh APO contract has been awarded to NAFED after 1996, hence, the question of eappointing Delhi Federation as agent for supply to APO does not arise.