

[Translation]

Development of Reservoirs

4894. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any scheme to the Union Government for the development of reservoirs through the Fisheries Department; and

(b) if so, the time by which approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have sent a proposal in November, 1996 for the development of seven reservoirs at a cost of Rs. 130.36 lakhs. However, at present there is no Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of reservoirs under implementation. The earlier scheme for development of reservoir fisheries was transferred to the State in 1992-93.

[English]

Milk Production

4895. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for milk production by the year 2000 A.D.

(b) the quantity of cattle feed being produced at present in the country; and

(c) the likely requirement of cattle feed by 2000 A.D. and the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No targets of milk production have been fixed for 2000 A.D. However, as per present growth rate, the milk production is likely to reach to the level of about 82.5 million tonnes by the end of 2000-2001.

(b) and (c) As per the estimates made by the Policy Advisory Group on Integrated Grazing Policy of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the availability of concentrates/ feed for livestock and poultry is above 41.98 million tonnes and requirement in 2000 A.D. would be 88.03 million tonnes.

To meet the requirement of cattle feed, various steps have been taken such as encouraging the increased production of grain and oil seeds, allocation/reservation of molasses, reduction of excise duty on feed ingredients etc.

[Translation]

Agitation by Farmers on Support Price of Foodgrains

4896. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of farmer's associations of the country have taken a decision to launch agitation against the support price of foodgrains announced by the Government;

(b) if so, the names of such farmer's associations;

(c) the demands of the farmers; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The Bharatiya Kisan Union and a few other farmers organisations launched an agitation demanding Minimum Support Price of Rs. 550/- per quintal for wheat. Union Agriculture and Food Minister met Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana in Chandigarh on 26.4.97. Any further increase in bonus of Rs. 60/- per quintal already announced by the Government was ruled out during the discussions. The Bharatiya Kisan Union and other organisations are reported to have withdrawn their agitation.

[English]

Central Public Sector Undertakings

4897. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any major initiative in formulating a clear-cut policy on Public Sector undertakings during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of non-plan support extended by the Government to the PSUs for the last five years merely to project employment, sector-wise and year-wise;