

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH: Our rights are being breached...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This will not go on record.

...(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR (Chail): Please allow half an hour discussion on this issue...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I am appealing to you to please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Mukul Wasnik says.

...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPAKER: Shri Shailendra Kumar, please take your seat. This is not good.

Dairy Development

*404. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:
SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to give a further thrust to animal husbandry and dairy development sector which plays a prominent role in the rural economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have drawn up any plans to provide chilling plants, cold storages and refrigerated vehicles for the growth of dairy development sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Though the primary responsibility for animal husbandry and dairy development is that of the State Governments, Government of India has plans for supporting the efforts of the State Governments in this regard.

The thrust of the Central Government in the Ninth Plan is in the following areas:

- Upgradation of Genetic Resources.
- Development of Feed and fodder.
- Animal Health Care and Management.
- Processing and Marketing of Livestock Products and
- Development of animal husbandry Statistics and Information System.

(c) to (e) Under the Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in Non Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas," assistance is provided to the State Governments for establishing chilling Plants, Cold Storages and refrigerated vehicles and other infrastructure for aiding the growth of dairy development.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Sir, while replying to the question put by Shri Rajesh Pilot, the hon. Minister has questioned the political will. It is only because of that, I would like to state this. On 'animal husbandry and dairy development' the percentage of allocation of the Central Plan fund was 1.1% during the First Five Year Plan whereas during this Plan period, that percentage has been reduced to 0.3% of the Central Plan fund we will now understand where the political will is and where it is not.

* Not Recorded.

Moreover, I would like to state here that every hon. Member in this House will talk about farmers and the need to diversify in agriculture and allied activities. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development had asked for an allocation of Rs. 3,151.57 crore during this Plan period; but against this, an allocation has been made only to the tune of Rs. 1,980 crore.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what are the schemes which are likely to be affected adversely because of the reduction in the allocation against the demand made by the Department, and what are the steps the government plans to initiate so that the schemes do not fail and the necessary thrust is given to these programmes.

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, there is no scheme which is to be affected and so far as allocation is concerned, it is a fact borne out by the statistics kept by none but by the Government of India that over all the previous Plans, the allocation has been coming down in the case of the whole agriculture sector not only as a proportion of a total Plan fund allocation but also in real terms. This year we have taken a decision to enhance the allocation by 58 per cent in one year which is a record. In dairy sector too, the hike is more than ever before. Therefore, there is no question that the Plans are going to be affected.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: In reply to part 'c', 'd' and 'e' of the question, the hon. Minister has stated that assistance is provided to the States under the scheme of Integrated Dairy Development Project in non-operation flood, hilly and backward areas. When the hon. Minister has stated that there has been an enhancement of funds, I would like to state that, for this particular scheme, Rs. 200 crore was provided in the last Plan period, and during this Plan period also, only Rs. 200 crore has been maintained. There has been no enhancement. However, I would like to know whether backward areas in relation to irrigation facilities will be included in this particular scheme along with backward and hilly areas.

Part 'b' of my supplementary is that the Standing Committee which went into the Demands for Grants for last year had categorically stated that the Government should immediately create a new Ministry, namely, Ministry for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development because of the declining interest and the reduction in funds allocated to this Department. I would like to have the intervention of the hon. Prime Minister on this point. What is the reaction of the Government on this particular recommendation of the Standing Committee?

SHRI SOMPAL: Sir, the hilly and backward areas are already covered under the operations of Technology Mission on Dairy Development. It is already covered in the non-Operation Flood areas.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: I had asked about the backward areas in relation to irrigation facilities.

SHRI SOMPAL: I think when we identify backward areas, the availability of irrigation facilities is also taken as one of the parameters to judge whether it is a backward area or not. It must be there but there is no direct linkage. Backward areas are identified on the basis of various parameters. There is a special plan and TMDD is overseeing that in the non-Operation Flood areas.

So far as the creation of a Ministry is concerned, there is a separate Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development. There used to be a Minister for it. Now it is under the Ministry of Agriculture. Currently, there is no proposal to create a separate Ministry.

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: I had said that the Standing Committee had recommended for a separate Ministry. I wanted to know whether the Prime Minister would create such a Ministry because the funds have been reduced and there is total lack of interest.

[Translation]

SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir Operation Flood was completed in three stages in which 1800 crores of rupees were spent. In one district of a State, Rs. 468 crores were spent out of a total Rs. 1800 crore. Whereas in some other states spending was 10 crore, 20 crore, 30 crore, 40 crore and 50 crores of rupees. Besides this 270 Districts were to be covered under Operation Flood. But this scheme was implemented in 200 Districts and 70 Districts remained without the scheme. Thirdly, 1800 crores of rupees were spent and 76 village Dairy Co-operatives were formed out of which 22 thousand are non-functioning and in 15 thousand, there is provision for artificial insemination. I want to know whether the government want to re-start Operation Flood Scheme? The District which were to be covered Under Operation Flood Programme were not covered under this scheme and these districts were not included even in the Integrated Dairy Development Programme whereas there was potentiality for this in these districts. I want to know whether government has any scheme to include those Districts which were left out under these two schemes to be included in Operation Flood Scheme? Besides, is there any proposal to include those Districts which were left

out from the Operation Flood Scheme and Integrated Dairy Development Programme under the Dairy Development Programme? Besides, whether Government wants to rehabilitate 22 thousand non-functioning villages out of 76 thousand villages? In the Ninth Five Year Plan one Lakh villages...

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Please ask your question. Otherwise, I will disallow it.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : What is this?

...(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAGHVANSH PRASAD SINGH: Sir, I want to ask from the Government that whether government wants to include one lakh villages which were left out in the Dairy Co-operative programmes and village Dairy Programme which were started for non-functioning Dairy Co-operatives to make them functional under the Operation Flood and Integrated Development Programme under Operation Flood No. 4?

SHRI SOMPAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a need to restrict the tendency of asking six-seven questions under one question in Question Hour...(Interruptions)

SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH: Sir, written answer is unsatisfactory and therefore, I asked this question relating to Dairy Development...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You please sit down.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMPAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as far as Operation Flood number 1,2 and 3 are concerned, these have been completed. Those villages which were not covered in these programmes will be covered under other programmes such as Intensive Dairy Development Programme. There is no plan as yet to start operation Flood Programme number 4.

Hon'ble member himself had been the Minister...(Interruptions) We have seen him as Minister and therefore, I can't help addressing him as Minister. He himself had been the Minister and the progress which he made was inherited by us and hence, he knows better why he was unable to do this. It will be my endeavour to complete the unfinished work. There is a rehabilitation scheme for the cooperatives at the village and district

levels whose economic condition is bad. There is no proposal to close them. They will continue and their rehabilitation will be done...(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except Dr. Sanjay Singh.

...(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

DR. SANJAY SINGH: Sir, for the balance of the environment it is very necessary to maintain the average ratio between human population and animal population. According to a report, there has been a steep fall in the population of animals due to the slaughter of cow and its progeny. I want to know whether the Government of India has any action Plan to maintain this balance? And if so, whether this action plan is working?

12.00 hrs.

SHRI SOMPAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member is very right in saying that animals play an important role in maintaining the environment balance. From animals we get not only nutritious food, but manure like compost which helps in maintaining the fertility of soil. As far as the question regarding reduction in their number is concerned, this is true and some thinkers have expressed concern over the fall in animal population. But the Government of India has specific plans for animal growth especially cow-growth and these schemes will continue to be encouraged.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: The question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Crop Insurance Scheme

*405. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme in the country;

*Not recorded.