

### Integrated Dairy Development Project

2167. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal in October, 1997 from the Government of Maharashtra for approval regarding implementing the Integrated Dairy Development Project in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have since taken decision on this proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra had proposed to implement an Integrated Dairy Development Project for the districts of Parbhani, Akola, Thane, Raigarh and Jalna.

(c) Government of India approved the project in February 98 at a total cost of Rs. 1941.55 lakhs.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

### Channelisation of Swan River

2168. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for Channelisation of Swan river in Himachal Pradesh is pending with the Union Government for decision since long; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Union Government to take decision on the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) A fresh project proposal incorporating the recommendation of Central Water and Power Research Station, titled "Swan River Flood Management & Integrated Land Development Project" costing Rs. 93.15 crores was submitted by Government of Himachal Pradesh to Central Water Commission for its techno-economical clearance on 6.12.1997. Additional copies of the project proposal required for examination were received by Central Water Commission in April and May, 1998 from Government of Himachal Pradesh. The project is under examination in Central Water Commission.

[English]

### Fruit Processing Industry in Ernakulam

2169. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the European Economic Community has funded a fruit (pineapple) processing industry near Muvattupuzha in Ernakulam district, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the investment likely to be made, construction of project and estimated time of completion of the project;

(c) whether the staff and employees have been appointed for the said project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) While total investment envisaged is Rs. 25.19 crores which includes land, building, machinery, utility services, customs duty etc. EEC funding would be 70% of the cost. The estimated time of completion of the project is June, 1998.

(c) and (d) While 14 posts have already been filled up, actions have been initiated for filling up the posts of operators, storemen, marketing officers etc.

[Translation]

### Recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission

2170. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Pay Commission has suggested to curtail the number of bureaucrats;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Commission has also suggested to increase the efficiency of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon by the Government; and

(e) the details of the recommendations which are not acceptable to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) No general decision has been taken on the recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission for abolishing posts under the Government. Matters relating to abolition or creation of posts are decided on the basis of merits and need.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The implementation of the various recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission is being done by the different nodal Ministries; the information called for is not Centrally maintained.

[English]

### Farakka Barrage

2171. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether continuous withdrawal of water in the upstream of the Ganga River has considerably reduced affecting the ensured and targeted perennial flow of 40,000 cusecs of water to the Farakka;