

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Mother Dairy

*758. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for the expansion of Mother Dairy in different cities in the near future with the cooperation of State Governments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b). Under Operation Flood-III, milk processing capacities of Mother Dairies are proposed to be augmented by way of :-

- (i) expansion in the cities of Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad;
- (ii) Creation of additional processing facilities of Mother Dairies at Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay; and
- (iii) Setting up of a new Mother Dairy at Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH : Mr.

Speaker, Sir, I think increasing demand for milk in the country and concentration of population in big cities need to emphasis. People from villages in large numbers are setting in cities. Therefore, development of organisation like Mother Dairy is essential. In this connection, the hon. Minister has stated that his facility is being expanded in Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad. He has further said that additional processing facilities will be created in Mother Dairies at Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay. I want to know how much additional processing capacity is being created in Delhi and how much additional population will be benefited by it ? Is the plant to be installed here being imported or is indigenously manufactured?

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have stated in my reply that capacity will be increased at some places. New Mother Dairies will be set up at Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad and at one new place i.e. Gandhinagar. So far as their capacity is concerned, the existing capacity of 4 lakh liters at Kurla in Bombay will be increased to 8 lakh litres, in Delhi the capacity will be increased from 6.5 lakh liters to 10.5 lakh liters and in Calcutta, the existing capacity of 4 lakh liters will be increased to 8 lakh liters. He has asked about Delhi only, but I have told about all the three cities. Similarly, the capacity in Madras will be raised by one lakh liters to make it three lakh liters. Additional capacity of 3 lakh liters in Bangalore will take the total capacity to 5 lakh liters. Likewise, additional 2 lakh liters of capacity will take the total capacity in Hyderabad to 4 lakh liters. Such is our expansion proposals. About Rs. 1195 crores will be spent in the whole country under Operation Flood -III so that maximum development is achieved in this sphere and milk production could be raised to further higher levels. This will help the common man and small farmers to get

remunerative price besides providing the farmers easy means of livelihood.

SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether a mother dairy is functioning in Patna, the capital of Bihar and a number of its centres have also been opened around Patna? Has the State Government sent any proposal for Central Collaboration in it? If so, what is his reaction thereto?

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there was a dairy in Patna which was being run by the State Government. It had become very sick. Following this, N.D.D.B. was asked to take it over. After it was taken over, the N.D.D.B. improved its functioning and handed its management back to the Bihar Government. Now this dairy is working properly. The present capacity of this dairy is one lakh liters and we have asked to initiate action to increase the capacity. So far as the question of providing assistance under Operation Flood - III is concerned, N.D.D.B. Will provide this assistance.

[*English*]

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Sir, I am glad that Hyderabad is also included in the augmentation programme, but may I know from the Hon. Minister what are the allocations made for the expansion of the Hyderabad Mother Dairy and whether the existing capacity will be sufficient for the needs of the Hyderabad people and if not what action the Government is taking to meet the requirements of the Hyderabad people?

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have just stated that the capacity of Hyderabad dairy is 2 lakh liters and we are going to double it. We shall increase it to 4 lakh litres. Funds for this purpose have already been allocated and work is going to start very soon. It will be our endeavour to expand it very soon. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Are you concerned with the results or the means?

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: What is the total allocation? I want to know the total allocation. This is an incomplete answer. I asked specifically for the budgetary allocation.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAJAN LAL : I had just stated that there is a provision of Rs 1195.82 crores under Operation Flood III which will be spent all over the country. Some new dairies will be established and some of the existing ones will be expanded. There is no shortage of funds. Money has already been allotted wherever new dairies are to be opened as in Gujarat or where capacity is to be expanded. Work will start very soon.

[*English*]

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: If you are not able to give now, kindly communicate it to me.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BHAJAN LAL : I have just stated that there is a provision of Rs., 1195 crores under it. There is no shortage of funds.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV: Hon. Speaker, Sir, milk is supplied to the whole country from Rajasthan but per capita consumption in the State is just 250 grams. Milk is supplied to Delhi and other places from Rajasthan but prices have not been fixed on yearly basis. During lean period, farmers have to supply milk at very cheap rates. Will the hon. Minister order purchase of milk at the price payable during May and June from Rajasthan farmers and milk producers who supply milk at cheaper rates in December and January or at an average price so as to

encourage the milk suppliers to produce more? The people engaged in the occupation of producing milk are gradually shifting to other occupations, because they do not get reasonable price. What steps are being taken to encourage them so that more milk could be supplied to Delhi in order to remove the shortage?

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: There are three seasons of milk. One starts from July, August which is mean seasons, another is in winter which is the peak person and the third is the lean season, which we have in the summer. Mother Dairy and D.M.S. purchase milk at the rate of Rs. 6.61 from the federation at present. After deducting the expenditure incurred by the federation, the balance amount is distributed among the farmers. Similarly D.M.S. and Mother Dairy purchase milk from the federation at the rate of Rs. 6.04 during the mean season and at the rate of Rs 5.58 during the lean season. After deducting the nominal expenses, incurred by the federation, the balance amount is given to the farmers. He has said that I have not given the figures about Andhra Pradesh. An amount of Rs. 24 crores has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN (Jhunjhunu): Hon. Speaker, Sir, farmers number 12 lakh 11 thousand 583 in Jhunjhunu area of Rajasthan. Keeping this large number of farmers in view, a Mother Dairy plant was installed some time back. But since the plant has been closed down, the farmers are left with no source to sell their milk off.

SHRIGIRIDHARILAL VYAS: You have left out Sikar.

SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN: It includes Sikar also. Jhunjhunu has been deprived of it. Will the hon. Minister give an assurance to reopen the plant in the near future keeping in view the means of livelihood of the farmers of Jhunjhunu?

SHRI BHAJAN LAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has never mentioned

about it in the past. He has told me today only that the plant at Jhunjhunu is lying closed. I shall certainly look into it and take up the matter with the Rajasthan Government also. N.D.D.B. will be asked to make it functional again. It will be made operational if it is in functional condition. N.D.D.B. has advanced a sum of Rs. 11 crores, 26 lakh, and 70 thousand to Rajasthan Government.

[English]]

Merger of NREP and IRDP

*759. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Integrated Rural Development Programme has helped the small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans in bringing them above the poverty line;

(b) whether in view of present-day depreciation in the rupee value, Government propose to amend the existing cut-off line of Rs. 4800/- under the Integrated Rural Development Programme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to merge the Integrated Rural Development Programme with the National Rural Employment Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c). A statement is given below:-

STATEMENT

Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, the small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans upto an annual income of Rs 4800/- per annum are assisted with a package of subsidy and loan in order to acquire income generating assets and thereby enable them to earn incremental income and eventually