

capacity which was 2.55 lakh litres per day in 1970 was increased to 9.75 lakh litres per day by March, 1981 under Operation Flood I through expansion of capacity of DMS and the setting up of new capacity in Mother Dairy, Delhi. Though, it is difficult to forecast the precise demand for milk, the Government has been making every effort to meet the effective demand for milk in Delhi. At present, Mother Dairy and DMS are supplying about 9.10 lakh litres of milk per day. A market survey conducted recently indicates that there will be a gap between the supply and likely demand for milk in 1985.

(c) There is a proposal to establish one more dairy in Delhi.

(d) No final decision has been taken so far.

Increasing Quantum of Buffer Stock of Sugar

*846. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase the buffer stock of sugar from the present level of 5 lakhs tonnes;

(b) if so, whether a decision in this regard has been taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Milk Plant at Karnal

*847. SHRI CHIRANJIT LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Indian Dairy Corporation and the National Dairy Development Board have sanctioned Rs. 2 crore plant with a capacity of 60,000 litres of milk per day at Karnal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are already five milk plants in Haryana and all are running into losses;

(c) whether it is also a fact that milk procurement is inadequate compared to the installed capacity; and

(d) if so, the necessity for setting up of a new plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) The Operation Flood II project in Haryana provides for setting up of a dairy plant at Karnal with a capacity of 50,000 litres of milk per day.

(b) and (c) The capacity utilisation by existing dairy plants in Haryana is inadequate to make them commercially viable units.

(d) Techno-economic feasibility study has indicated that the new plant under Operation Flood II frame work would be viable.

High Cost of Fertiliser and Subsidy Thereon

9447. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while inaugurating the IFFCO Marketing Conference, he is reported to have said that the high cost of fertiliser and the subsidy involved and put Government in a dilemma;

(b) whether this is being interpreted by farmers that the present subsidy on fertilisers is going to be cut down;

(c) whether the existing high cost has created problems for the agricul-