

Scholarships for school students are awarded to those who excel in sports and games at National level and State level competitions for school students and junior players 200 scholarships each of the value of Rs. 50 per month at National level, and 400 scholarships each of the value of Rs. 25 per month at State level, were provided for annually during the Fourth Plan period. These scholarships, awarded on an All India basis, are tenable till the awardees remain in school subject to their passing the school examinations and their continued excellence in sports and games.

The Scheme is being continued during the Fifth Plan period. The number of fresh scholarships to be awarded each year have however, been doubled. Thus the provision is for 400 scholarships annually at the National level, and 800 scholarships annually at the State level. The amount of scholarships and the conditions of eligibility remain the same. These scholarships are not subject to means test, and can be availed of in addition to any other academic scholarships.

For outstanding University/College sportsmen, 50 scholarships of the value of Rs 100 per month tenable for 10 months in a year, were provided for annually during the Fourth Plan period. The number of these scholarships during the Fifth Plan has been raised to 100 per annum. The scholarships are tenable till the awardees complete their education subject to their passing the usual examinations and continued excellence in sports and games.

As a part of the programme for broadbasing sports to cover youth in rural and tribal areas, special stipends have also been granted on an ad hoc basis, to outstanding rural and tribal sportsmen under the age of 16 years, spotted in the All India Rural Sports Tournaments.

मध्य प्रदेश के अकाल-ग्रस्त इलाकों के बारे में केन्द्रीय दल का प्रतिबेदन

890. श्री कूल चन्ध बर्वा : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या एक केन्द्रीय दल ने मध्य प्रदेश क अकालग्रस्त इलाकों का दौरा किया था, और

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय दल ने अपने प्रतिबेदन केन्द्रीय सरकार का प्रस्तुत कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो उस पर क्या निर्णय लिया गया है और यदि नहीं, तो कब तक लिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब धी० शिन्दे) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में सूखे की स्थिति का जायजा लेने के उद्देश्य से भारत सरकार के अधिकारियों के एक दल ने अक्तूबर, 1974 में राज्य का दौरा किया था ?

(ख) जी हा ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश को 1974-75 के वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान योजना के लिए अग्रिम सहायता के तौर पर 6 50 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि निम्नलिखित की गई है ।

Reduction in Price of Milk and Milk Products of Delhi Milk Scheme

*891 SHRI N K SANGHI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Delhi Milk Scheme is producing milk beyond its capacity and if so, the quantum of extra production of milk and since when;

(b) whether the Delhi Milk Scheme has reduced the prices of its milk products like ghee and butter; and

(c) in view of above, whether a reduction in the price of milk is also being contemplated and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) The D.M.S. was till recently equipped to process 3.0 lakh litres of milk daily. With the progressive completion of the work connected with the expansion of its installed handling capacity to 3.75 lakh litres, the DMS has increased the level of processing and distribution progressively from October, 1974. Presently, the DMS is distributing about 3.18 lakh litres daily.

(b) Yes, Sir The DMS has reduced the selling price of ghee and butter w.e.f. 2nd April, 1975.

(c) Since the DMS is already marketing special toned milk at a price which is lower than the cost of production, the question of a reduction in the selling price of milk does not arise

Spurt in Milk Production

*892 **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether country's milk output has shown a sudden spurt especially in Maharashtra and Gujarat States where dairies find it difficult to sell surplus milk;

(b) whether the sudden spurts in milk output is the result of some planning; and

(c) whether increased milk output is national or covers only a few States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c) As a result of cumulative effect of planned programme of dairy development, price incentives to producers and progressive elimination of intermediaries, the public sector and cooperative dairies in Maharashtra and Gujarat were able to procure larger quantities of fluid

milk during winter months. Report of initial difficulties regarding sale of milk in fluid form were received from Maharashtra. These were largely got over by expanding the area of distribution and by conserving milk into milk products.

The trend towards an increased output has been noticed generally in States like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh

Multipurpose Cooperatives to meet Financial Requirements of Farmers

*893. **SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL.** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have been urged to form multipurpose cooperatives which will meet the financial requirements of farmers; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Agriculture, in their Interim Report on Credit Services for Small and Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers had, *inter alia* recommended organisation of special cooperatives to provide integrated services, including credit. The report of the Commission was considered in consultation with the Planning Commission, Department of Banking, Department of Cooperation, Reserve Bank of India and State Governments

2. It has been decided that in areas where the cooperative structure is weak, dormant or non-existent, compact areas may be selected covering a minimum population of 10,000 and going upto a full CD Block. For this area, a new Farmers Service Society which will provide integrated credit,