

**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,

supplies and services may be set up. The new Society is expected to disburse all types of credit required, supply inputs including fertilisers, arrange for processing and marketing, wherever feasible, and undertake all connected activities directly or in conjunction with other organisations. The new society can be financed either by a commercial bank or the cooperative bank. The membership of the Society will be open to all agriculturists, agricultural labourers and rural artisans in its area but to serve the interests of the weaker sections, the control over management is to be vested with the weaker sections by reserving 2/3rd of the membership of the Board of Management for them. The State Governments and Union Territories are taking necessary steps to set up such societies.

3. 70 Farmers Service Societies have been registered in the various States/UTs. The new societies will be supported by the State Govt./Union Territories concerned.

4. Recently a Group headed by Shri T. A. Pai, the then Minister of Heavy Industry has examined the relevant aspects of the question of defining the most appropriate institutional structure in rural areas for meeting the credit and other requirements of farmers especially Small and Marginal farmers and other rural producers. This Group has recommended viable well managed multi-purpose Cooperative institutions which will not only disburse credit to the farmers but also make arrangements for supply of desired inputs, necessary technical services etc. to be organised on the lines of Farmers Service Societies as recommended by NCA. This recommendation has been accepted and it has been decided that it should be implemented in a phased manner.

5. An Implementation Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation under the Chairmanship of Secretary (BD) to coordinate, review and guide the implementa-

tion of Farmers Service Societies Scheme Implementation and Co-ordination Committees at State Level are also envisaged in the Scheme.

#### Crash Programme for Eradication of Illiteracy

8478. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether any crash programme for eradication of illiteracy has been planned, and

(b) if so, whether any non-official organisations doing Social Service have been patronised and which are these organisations in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) The following programmes were visualised in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan for eradication of illiteracy:

- (i) Expansion of primary education to cover about 97 per cent of the age-group 6-11 and about 60 per cent of the children in the age group 11-14.
- (ii) Functional Literacy Scheme to cover about 13 lakhs of adult illiterates.
- (iii) Non Formal Education Scheme to cover about 60 lakh adult illiterates.

These targets are however, subject to the availability of resources from year to year. Further, the National Service Scheme, the Nehru Yuvak Kendras as well as several voluntary agencies are also stepping up their efforts in the area of non formal education and eradication of illiteracy. These measures together with the efforts of the State Governments would it is hoped substantially reduce the extent of illiteracy.