

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b). It is understood from the Indian Olympic Association that one of the primary conditions for inclusion of any new game in the Olympics is that it should be accepted for introduction in at least 40 countries and three continents. Hence the Indian Olympic Association is meanwhile popularising 'Kabaddi' and proposes to include it as a "demonstration game" in the next Asian Games to be held in 1982.

दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना में श्री संजय गांधी का जन्म दिन मनाया जाना

*107. श्री हरगोविन्द वर्मा : क्या कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आपात स्थिति में दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना में श्री संजय गांधी का जन्म दिन मनाया गया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर कितना खर्च हुआ और क्या उस दिन कार्यालय भी बन्द रहा था ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भानु प्रताप सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं। दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना द्वारा नहीं मनाया गया था।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Cooperatives

*108. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
DR. HENRY AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five-day Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Co-operatives was held in New Delhi in the month of October, 1977;

(b) if so, the main subjects discussed and the decisions arrived at;

(c) whether it was decided that easy banking access to villagers should be provided; and

(d) how many countries participated in the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations sponsored the Asian Conference on Agricultural Credit and Co-operatives which was held simultaneously with the First General Assembly of the Asian and Pacific Region Agricultural Credit Association between the 10th and 14th October, 1977. Apart from India, 15 other Asian countries, namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Maldives, Nepal, Phillipines, Western Samoa and Thailand participated in the Conference. The Conference was held to share the experience of the countries of the Asian Region in the sphere of agricultural credit and cooperatives and to set up the Asian and Pacific Region Agricultural Credit Association. The Conference divided itself into four Working Groups. They were on (i) Constitution, bye-laws and financing of Regional Association; (ii) Organisation and structure of institutional credit Agencies including cooperatives; (iii) Harnessing financial system in support of rural development and small farmers; and (iv) Training of personnel. After these discussions of the Working Group, the Conference adopted a Declaration on Agricultural Credit and Rural Development, which is given in the Statement attached. One of the Resolutions calls upon the Member-Governments and Central Banks in the Asian Region to extend financial, technical and organisational support in the