

**Per Capita consumption of milk**

4089. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability  
and consumption of milk in various states  
and in the country as a whole at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that operation  
flood programme is under implementation  
in various states of the country;

(c) if so, the progress made under the  
programme state-wise so far; and

(d) how far the implementation of the  
programme has improved the availability  
of milk State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
K. C. LENKA): (a) A Statement indi-  
cating the per capita availability/consump-  
tion of milk in various States and in the  
country as a whole during 1980-81  
and 1990-91 is given at Annexure. [See  
Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 83]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement indicating state-wise  
progress of key components of Opera-  
tion Flood Programme as on 31st Decem-  
ber 1991 is given at Annexure. [See  
Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 84].

(d) No separate data of actual milk  
production under Operation Flood areas,  
is available. However, the per capita  
availability of milk has generally im-  
proved as is evident from the statement  
at Annexure-I.

**Gene-sanctuary from orchids in Sikkim**

4090. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orchids  
continue to be endangered species in the  
country and if so, the steps taken/pro-  
posed to be taken to halt this danger;  
and

(b) whether Government propose to  
set up a gene-sanctuary for Orchids in  
Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, 50 species of  
orchids are either extinct or endangered.  
Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
has already established an orchid sanc-  
tuary at Kalimpong (W.B.) under the  
All-India Coordinated Floriculture Im-  
provement Project where orchids are  
conserved under natural conditions.

(b) No.

**Paddy Research Centre**

4091. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of  
Agricultural Research propose to set up  
a Paddy Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Sir, Govern-  
ment of Assam has requested the Gov-  
ernment of India to open a branch of  
the Central Rice Research Institute in  
Assam. Government of India has not  
yet taken a final decision on this request.

**Veterinary Scientists**

4092. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the veter-  
inary scientists who are engaged in tea-  
ching and research in Research institutes  
under the I.C.A.R. were sanctioned  
Non-Practising Allowance at par with the  
M.B.B.S. Doctors Vide Indian Council of  
Agricultural Research, New Delhi O.M.  
No. F-24(1)/86-ODN (A & A) dated  
the 26th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the  
following Research Institutes under the