

Report presented to the Jha Committee by the Maharashtra Dairy Development Department

2901. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report from the Maharashtra Dairy Development Department presented recently to the Jha Committee which shows clearly that son-operation Flood Districts are faring better than operation Flood Districts despite long investments and grants given;

(b) if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) whether Government propose to institute high powered inquiry to look into the serious setback to the health of the villagers belonging to operation Flood areas such as Kaira District despite highest loans and grants under operation flood-I and II?

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

(a) and (b) The Committee was apprised of the efforts put and the progress made so far by the Maharashtra Government in the field of Dairy Development.

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation have no proposal to institute any inquiry to look into the alleged setback to the health of villagers in areas covered under Operation Flood I and II.

Siphoning of Milk from Villages to Cities

2902. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to siphoning of milk from villages to cities, there is a higher incidence of T. B. and infant mortality in the villages; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

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

(a) and (b) Milk and other agricultural products have traditionally moved from rural areas to urban areas. The Government is not aware of any report of scientific study to establish relationship between alleged siphoning of milk from villages to cities and higher incidence of T. B. and infant mortality rate in villages.

Extension to Director, ICAR

2903. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the present D. G., ICAR who had crossed 60 years of age has been given extension despite Prime Minister's direction if so, the reasons therefor?

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

After taking into consideration all the facts and circumstances, the present D.G., ICAR has been given extension with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet of which the Prime Minister is the Chairperson.

Field Surveyors Employed by the DDA

2904. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any graduates and post-graduates have been employed by the Delhi Development Authority to work as field surveyors on daily wage basis;

(b) if so, what is their number;

(c) the time since when they have been working with the DDA in this capacity;

(d) what emoluments are being paid to them;