

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Proposals pending under intensive dairy development programme

1670. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending under the Intensive Dairy Development Programme nation wide along with the date of their submission;

(b) whether Government is releasing funds for phase IX and X Women Dairy Development Projects in the State Uttarakhand;

(c) if so, by when the funds are going to be released; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No Proposals are pending under the Intensive Dairy Development Programme.

(b) Women Dairy Development Projects are implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development examined the phase IX & X Dairy Project submitted by Uttaranchal cooperative dairy Federation Ltd and recommended that the implementing agency may revise the project cost and submit the same with the recommendation of the State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) of the State Government.

(c) and (d) Funds are released to the implementing agency only when the project is approved by the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC).

Revival of MMCB

1671. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken by Central Registrar for revival of Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): In consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Government of Gujarat and other stakeholders, a Reconstruction Scheme for revival of the Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank (MMCB) Limited, Ahmedabad was prepared and notified by the Central Registrar of Cooperative (CROS) w.e.f. 24.8.2001. The Scheme is in operation.

As per the provisions of the Reconstruction Scheme, a Board of Management (Administrators) of MNCB has been appointed to oversee the functioning of the bank under the said Scheme. The financial position and performance of the MNCB is regularly reviewed in consultation with the RBI.

Focus on boosting food production

1672. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister in a bid to tackle shortage of essential supplies and increase food prices, has asked State Governments to focus on boosting food production and promised them all possible assistance from the Centre;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister also suggested that States must place for some of their best and committed officers as agriculture production commissioners for achieving the desired result; and

(c) if so, the other suggestions made by the Prime Minister and to what extent States have agreed and implemented these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the conference of Chief Ministers convened by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on 6.2.2010, the states were asked to focus on boosting food production and enhancing productivity levels by using improved technologies, better quality of seed and timely availability of other critical input through dovetailing the State Schemes with the Government of India schemes. Hon'ble Prime Minister also stressed for strengthening and modernization of Agriculture Extension services and also suggested to ensure posting of best officer as Agriculture Production Commissioners to look after the agriculture developmental programmes in the states.

Hon'ble Prime Minister requested the Chief Ministers of Wheat growing states to conduct a review for ensuring timely availability of critical inputs for increased production. The states were also asked to pay attention to timely collection of reliable statistics of production as the production figure would influence the food prices.

Suicide by farmers due to drought

1673. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the drought situation in the country, State-wise;