

Production of casein

†2295. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a product named casein is made from fresh milk in the country;
- (b) if so, the average annual production of this product;
- (c) the quantum of milk required to produce one kilogram of casein; and
- (d) the percentage of this product used for domestic purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Authentic data is not available with the Government.
- (c) Approximately 35 kgs of milk is required to produce 1 kg. of Casein.
- (d) Authentic data in terms of percentage is not available with the Government. By and large the Casein produced in the country is exported with only a negligible quantity used in the country.

Adverse effect of drought

†2296. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an adverse effect of drought on agriculture during financial year 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether any evaluation of this negative effect on agricultural produce in each State of the country has been made;
- (d) if so, the details of this evaluation; and
- (e) the names of those States where agricultural production has been found to be unaffected from drought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

- (a) to (e) As reported by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), during South-West Monsoon 2009, the country as a whole received 698.1 mm of rainfall against the normal average rainfall of 892.2 mm with a departure of -22%, which is deficient. Consequently a number of States received deficit rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2009 and 14 States, *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

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