

As the assistance could not be utilised within 5 years, it was continued till 30th September, 1982.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise as the State Government have not submitted any proposal in this behalf.

Purchase of new machinery by the D.M.S.

3261. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Milk Scheme have recently purchased plant and machinery worth several lakhs of rupees for renovation of their existing plant;

(b) if so, the details of the additional/new equipment purchased, the amount involved, the mode of purchase and whether tenders were invited; if so, who were the tenderers and to whom the order was actually placed and the monetary value thereof; and

(c) whether this new equipment has been installed or is still under installation and how far it is going to help DMS to raise their daily production of milk and other products?

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

(a) No, Sir. The Delhi Milk Scheme has not purchased any plant and machinery during the last two years for renovation of the plant.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Proposed I.C.A.R. centres of advance studies

3262. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research had decided to set up seven centres of advanced studies under its Agricultural Edu-

cation and Research for Accelerated Agricultural Development Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether one of these is likely to be located in Rajasthan; and

(c) the amount of UNDP assistance received in this behalf and the manner in which it is proposed to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has formulated a project—Agricultural Education and Research for Accelerated Agricultural Development—under which seven centres of advanced studies are proposed to be established.

(b) The details of the studies proposed to be undertaken through these centres are as follows:

Energy Management in Agriculture—To establish programmes of advanced training and research in the application and management of energy in the agricultural sector including agro-industries.

Post-harvest technology—To strengthen education at M.Sc. and Ph. D. levels for advanced training of engineers/scientists in the country in various aspects of post-harvest technology, and to strengthen the technology base necessary for problem-solving research capabilities.

Agricultural Statistics and Computer Application—To strengthen postgraduate education in these areas and to develop suitable statistical models for determining the optimum use of water and other inputs and to manage crops in case of drought conditions; to develop suitable breeding programmes; ecological and environmental studies in relation to agriculture and to develop techniques for processing large scale data on electronic computers.

Agricultural Communication for Rural Development—To develop academic programmes in this area and to establish a model communication service for rapid transmission of agricultural and other developmental information to the rural masses with the help of various communication channels, including mass media.

Plant Virus Education and Research—To strengthen the existing education programmes at post-graduate level and to enhance research capabilities so that problems of virus diseases prevalent in cereal crops, vegetables, legume and fruit could be solved.

Education Technology for Agricultural Education—To establish pedagogical training facilities for teachers in agricultural universities and other institutions imparting agricultural education, and to undertake studies on man-power planning, curriculum development, and development of instructional techniques and materials.

Agricultural Meteorology—To initiate post-graduate education in this area and to establish facilities for fundamental and applied research in agricultural meteorology, which would include studies on meteorological and biological responses in relation to agricultural production activities.

There is no proposal to locate one of these centres in Rajasthan.

(c) An amount of US \$ 5,758,000 of UNDP assistance has been requested which would be utilised to cover mainly consultancy services from collaborating overseas institutions, visits by Indian scientists for advanced training abroad and purchase of sophisticated equipment not manufactured in India.

3263. [Transferred to the 25th August, 1983.]

Irregularity in D.M.S. milk distribution

3264. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of Depot Nos. 534 and 578 under Delhi Milk Scheme are not bonafide students of any institution, as per the terms of appointment to the above posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Milk distribution at Depot No. 1309 is being handled by some staff of bank employees and not by the staff appointed by D.M.S.;

(c) whether it is fact that no staff of depot is entitled to take milk for his own use or to give to his relatives/friends from inside the booth;

(d) whether it is a fact that no periodical checks are being made by senior distribution officials of D.M.S. at depot No. 1309 during distribution hours;

(e) whether it is a fact that no home delivery distribution of milk to certain women has been authorised at Milk Depot No. 1309; and

(f) if the reply to parts (a) to (e) above be in the affirmative, whether such irregularities are being allowed officially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. Besides usual inspection of the depots by the area Assistant Milk Distribution Officers depot No. 1309 was inspected by Senior Distribution Officers on the following dates:—

16-11-1982, 29-12-1982, 1-1-1983, 29-1-1983, 3-2-1983 and 25-4-1983.

(e) Yes, Sir.