

(iii) Launching of massive programme for wheat-arhar rotation in the Northern States and involvement of Agricultural Universities and private sector in popularising this rotation in different States.

(iv) Intensification of 'Lab-to-Land' Programme and pest management at the Village level.

(v) Popularisation of cultivation of Arhar in rabi season in Eastern Plains of West Bengal, Bihar and Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

(vi) Diversion of upland rainfed rice areas in Bihar to Soyabean--Arhar Production.

(vii) Strengthening of production of breeders/foundation seed of improved varieties of pulses.

(viii) Mass production of rhizobium culture strains with proper quality control.

(ix) Testing of potentialities for new pulse crops like broad-beans, rice-beans, moth etc.

(x) Popularisation of rural storage of pulse by the farmers in optimum conditions so as to preserve the produce without damage.

(xi) Adoption of 'Pulse Villages' by Private Sector in close collaboration with Government agencies.

(c) Government has yet to examine the suggestions. However, work on most of the suggestions brought out in the Symposium, has already been in progress.

#### Assistance to Foreign Countries for Dairy Development

2395. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries that have sought help from the National Dairy Development Board in Gujarat

for developing their dairy industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the nature of assistance given to them by the National Dairy Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Many developing countries have approached the National Dairy Development Board in Gujarat for assistance in the field of dairying. The assistance has been rendered for planning dairy projects and/or training officers from Mauritius, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangla Desh, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Philippines, Malaysia, Tanzania, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago. At the request of the World Bank and European Economic Community, National Dairy Development Board's expertise in the field of dairy development has been provided to Pakistan and Philippines respectively. Similar requests from Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh and Saudi Arabia have also been received by the National Dairy Development Board. At present, the nature of assistance provided by National Dairy Development Board is limited to manpower development and review of dairy sector and planning of dairy projects.

#### Water Technology Centre of I.A.R.I.

2396. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the specific categories of employees in the Water Technology Centre of I.A.R.I., Pusa, New Delhi;

(b) the number of workers employed as casual or permanent labour which are also working as technical hands in the Centre;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of workers of the Water Technology Centre are mostly engaged in