

Setting up of a Beer Plant

848. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a non-alcoholic beer manufacturing plant near Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MISS KAMLA KUMARI): (a) and (b) Modern Bakeries (India) Limited is examining a proposal to set up a plant for manufacture of low-alcohol, low-calorie, alcohol-free and regular beer and malt extract. It is too early to give any details.

Foreign National in Dairy Board

849. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign national having link with CIA has been continuously serving with the Dairy Board at Anand since 1969 and has been responsible for the failure of planning and implementation of Operation Flood-I and II and CLUSA Oil seed schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this 'foreign expert' came to India as a graduate and has now done his Ph.D. at Anand; and

(c) if so, what were the considerations that led the Government to allow him to continue to stay in India and serve with the Dairy Board at Anand in contravention of its declared policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) An U.N. Expert Dr. Michael Halse is attached to the National Dairy Development Board since October, 1968. The Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that there is nothing adverse on their records against Dr. Michael Halse. It is not true that he has been responsible for the failure of planning and implementation of Operation Flood-I and II and CLUSA Oil seed schemes.

(b) The 'expert' obtained Master Degree in Business Administration from Harvard University in 1956. Subsequently the same University has awarded him a Doctorate Degree on the basis of his much appreciated work on the concept of conversion efficiency as applied to Indian Milk and Food Economy.

(c) Considering his qualification, experience, knowledge and understanding of the factors involved in dairy development in India, Government has allowed him to continue.

Value of Imported Machinery for Dairy Board

850. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of Dairy machinery imported so far by the Dairy Board under its Operation Flood-I and II projects and whether this included imports of stainless steel barrels from New Zealand; and

(b) whether it conformed to the Government policy effective at that time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) The value of Dairy Machinery imported under Operation Flood-I and II is:

Operation Flood-I—Rs. 842 lakhs.

Operation Flood-II—Rs. 909 lakhs (upto February, 1982)