

cooperation in agriculture for 1978-79 has been signed recently between India and USSR; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the protocol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the protocol are:

(i) Supply by USSR of additional number of Karakul Sheep, Angora and Pashmina goats, and rabbits for fur and meat production. The supply of goats is expected to be in exchange of Indian Jamnapari and Black Bengal goats.

(ii) Organisation of joint training programmes for young research scholars.

(iii) Organisation of Joint plant collecting expeditions.

(iv) Organization of joint symposia on Buffalo Breeding and Cotton during 1973 and increasing productivity of cereals and breeding and management of Angora/Pashmina goats during 1979.

(v) Exchange of scientists, literature, seeds and experimental material.

U.G.C. pay scales for teachers of colleges under the Central Universities

1113. SHRI S. W. DHABE; Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Universities and their constituent and affiliated colleges are paying U.G.C. pay scales to their teaching staff including the physical education teachers or directors; and

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to pay the U.G.C. scales in these Universities and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) and (b) The revised University Grants Commission scales of pay have been sanctioned for the teaching staff and physical education teachers in all the Central Universities. Extension of these scales to the governed affiliated to these Universities is governed by the decision of the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned.

Post graduate courses in physical education

1114. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges aided or run by the Central Government, which conduct post graduate courses in physical education and the number of students in these colleges; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to strengthen these courses to achieve better results?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) The Lakshmbai National College of Physical Education, Gwalior, is the only institution, conducting post-graduate courses in Physical Education, which is fully financed by the Central Government. The College is run by an autonomous body, set up by the Government of India, namely the Society for the National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports. In addition, under the Central Scheme of 'Grants to State Sports Councils', financial assistance on matching basis is given by the Government to some other Physical Education Training Institutions, conducting post-graduate courses in Physical Education, for specific projects aimed at improving their physical and other facilities.

The number of students in the postgraduate (Masters Degree) courses in