

t[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI B. a MURTHY): The scheme prepared in April, 1964, for organisation of agro-industrial labour cooperatives for weaker sections was examined by a committee presided over by Prof. D. R. Gadgil. The scheme along with the observations of the committee were considered jointly by the Ministry and the Planning Commission. It was not considered desirable to organise such societies in the ultimate interest of the village community.

Alternative approaches for assisting the weaker sections are effectively being pursued by the Ministries concerned and the Planning Commission. Simultaneously, action is being taken to strengthen and extend functional societies, including labour, forest, fishery, poultry, dairy and other cooperatives likely to help the weaker sections.]

COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

74. SHRI D. THENGARI-. Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many new co-operative societies were registered in 1964;

(b) how many cooperative societies ceased functioning or went into liquidation in 1964; and

(c) whether the cooperative movement gathered any momentum in 1964?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) 20,655 societies were registered during the cooperative year 1963-64.

(b) 6,463 societies went into liquidation during 1963-64.

(c) Yes, Sir.

t[] English translation.

SUPPLY OF IMPORTED "WHEAT TO RAJASTHAN

75. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of imported wheat to Rajasthan has been cut down and the people will get mostly coarse grains for a considerable time to come; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Due to present emergency prevailing in the country, and the uncertainty of future imports of wheat from U.S.A., supplies of imported wheat to almost all the States have been reduced. Rajasthan's quota of imported wheat has, however, been maintained during September and October at the level of supplies made during June and July.

GHEE PREPARED UNDER DELHI MILK SCHEME

76. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the period during which Ghee was not prepared this year under the Delhi Milk Scheme and the proportion of Ghee prepared this year as compared to the Ghee prepared during the same period of last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): The Delhi Milk Scheme has been manufacturing ghee regularly throughout the year 1965. During the year 1965 (January to October) 231.5 tons of ghee have been manufactured as against 54 tons manufactured during the same period in 1964.