

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether recent shortage of milk has led to sharp rise in its price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) This Department does not have any report on declining availability and production of milk in the country.

(c) and (d) There has been a rise in sale price of liquid milk by Rs. 2/- per litre by Mother Dairy, Amul and DMS in Delhi recently, on account of higher procurement cost being paid to the farmers. This Department has no report of shortage of milk.

#### **Removal of agriculture from State List**

2966. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal for removal of agriculture from the State List and place it under the Concurrent List;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study on the implication of such a move on the growth of agriculture sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

#### **Damage of crops by wild and stray animals**

2967. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether stray and wild animals damage agricultural crops;
- (b) if so, how much crop has been damaged during last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of compensation paid to farmers against this damage;