

- (d) Formulation of Action Plan for 1991-92, and
- (e) Formulation of the programmes for the Decade and identification of a procedure for this purpose.

**Relationship between India and Soviet Union**

2312. SHRI V.S.  
VJAYARAGHAVAN:  
SHRI HARIBHAI M. PATEL:  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.  
CHAVAN:  
DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI  
PAWAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shift in USSR's relations with India after the far reaching changes in that country during the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether USSR had voted against India and in favour of Pakistan in the UN General Assembly Resolution on establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in South Asia;

(d) whether the Government had taken up the matter with that country;

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(f) whether this voting is seen as a major shift in Soviet Policy towards India; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a). No, Sir. However, political and economic

restructuring in the USSR is proceeding at a very rapid pace. Some difficulties have, therefore, arisen in certain spheres of bilateral cooperation. During External Affairs Minister's official visit to Moscow from 14-18 November 1991 EAM was assured by President Gorbachev and other senior Soviet leaders that the USSR stands by all its commitments to India. This was confirmed by President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The External Affairs Minister had raised the matter both with the Soviet Minister for External Relations and the Russian Foreign Minister during his visit to Moscow from 14-18 November 1991 and conveyed to them Government's disappointment at this change of stance. They had given reasons for their change of vote and had stated that this change did not detract in any way from the importance attached by the Soviet Union to Indo-Soviet relations.

(f) No. Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Payments made by DMS to Milk Co-Operative Societies**

2313. SHRI TARA CHAND  
KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI RAM SAGAR:  
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme have

make payments worth several lakhs to Milk Cooperative Societies as arrears during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is great resentment amongst workers of DMS on the payments made to the Cooperative Societies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). The payments made to the Milk Cooperative Societies by Delhi Milk Schema during the last few years are as under:-

<i>Period</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)</i>
1.11.1987 to 31.10.1988	186.58
1.11.1988 to 31.10.1989	164.79
1.11.1990 to 31.12.1990	14.39

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Integrated Horticultural Development Project**

2314. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Development have selected Karnataka for the implementation of the World Bank aided Integrated Horticultural Development Project;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed project;

(c) whether the expert study team of the World Bank visited Karnataka and had given its report; and

(d) if so, time by which the proposed programme is likely to be implemented alongwith the proposed places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). In June, 1987, the Government of Karnataka had submitted proposals at a cost of Rs. 49.91 crores on Integrated Development of Horticulture in Karnataka with World Bank assistance a World Bank Mission visited Karnataka in December, 1987 and later proposed a Multi-State Tropical Horticulture Project.

#### **Soviet Aided Coal Mining Projects**

2315. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Soviet aided coal mining projects pending at present;

(b) the fate of these projects following the recent developments in the Soviet Union; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to complete these projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Four Soviet aided coal projects are presently under implementation.

(b) Out of the four on-going Soviet assisted Coal Projects, three are on schedule and one has been delayed for reasons not connected with Soviet supplies. However, recent developments in the Soviet Union have inter-alia created certain uncertainties