

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The following districts constitute the milkshed areas of Delhi Milk Scheme as defined under Operation Flood:

<i>State</i>	<i>Districts</i>
(1) Uttar Pradesh	Meerut, Muradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Bulandshahr.
(2) Haryana	Gurgaon, Karnal, Rohtak
(3) Punjab	Ferozepur, Jullundur, Bhatinda, Ludhiana, Gurdaspur.
(4) Rajasthan	Alwar, Bharatpur, Bikaner.

(b) A statement showing the population of milch cattle in these areas based on Livestock census held in 1966 is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4458/73]. No district wise assessment of milk production potential has been made in these areas.

(c) A statement showing the collection of Delhi Milk Scheme during 1971-72 from Districts from which procurement is being made at present is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4458/78].

PROGRESS IN INCREASING MILK SUPPLY BY D. M. S.

2853. SHRI INDER J. MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress towards achieving the targeted increase in capacity of Delhi Milk Scheme to meet requirement of Delhi for liquid milk.

(b) how imported milk products help in augmenting supply of liquid milk, and

(c) the reasons for diverting fat in the making of ghee and how it affects economy of the Delhi Milk Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Delhi's requirements are proposed to be met firstly by expanding the handling capacity of the existing Dairy Plant of Delhi Milk Scheme from the present 3.00 lakh litres a day to 3.75 lakh litres a day by about the middle of 1973 and secondly by setting up a new Recombining (Mother) Dairy with a milk handling capacity of 4.00 lakh litres a day which is scheduled to be built in the next Financial year. The target, dates for completion of both the expansion programmes are subject to revision based on various factors.

(b) Imported milk products being received under Operation Flood help in augmenting supply of liquid milk firstly by avoiding seasonal fluctuations and maintaining distribution at an even higher level during the year and secondly by generating funds part of which are utilised for providing technical inputs for increasing milk production.

(c) The intake of fresh milk increases during the winter months and Surplus milk is utilised for the manufacture of various milk products, including ghee. Delhi Milk Scheme presently does not make any profit on the sale of ghee.

Seizure of Wheat Bags Concealed in Cold Storage at Okhla, Delhi

2854. SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI: SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 10,000 wheat bags were seized on 10th February, 1973 which