

(d) if so, the details thereof?

tions of credit;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. NABARD is organising Farmers Clubs at village level for a group of 15-20 Farmers/ Artisanas of the village who have benefited from the Bank Credit and have also repaid the loans in time. The main aims and objectives of such Clubs are to ensure:-

(iii) Increase of productivity and income through work and skill;

(iv) Saving of additional income; and

(v) Payment of loan instalments in time and regularly so as to recycle credit.

(i) Use of credit in accordance with the most suitable methods of Science and Technology;

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by NABARD, a budget allocation of Rs 42 lakhs (approximately) has been made for the year 1992-93 for the following activities of the Farmers Clubs:-

(ii) Respect for the terms and condi-

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Name of the Activity</i>	<i>Budget prov. (Rs in lakhs)</i>
1.	Maintenance of Farmers Clubs	13.081
2.	Launching Expenditure	0.375
3.	Training and Borrowers Education Programme Expenditure.	12.950
4.	Publication and Literature Material and Mass Media Expenditure.	8.000
5.	Incentive to Best Managed Clubs/ Club Villagers on Selective basis	1.000
6.	Development of Model Clubs.	2.500
7.	Contingency and Misc. Provision	4.000
(Say Rs. 42 lakhs)		41.906

Milk Production

4722. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop some districts in the country on

the pattern of Anand district in Gujarat for augmenting Operation flood;

(b) if so, the number of districts identified so far, State-wise;

(c) the total outlay provide for increasing milk production and its collection in these

districts, State-wise; and

(d) the details of amount spent so far and result-achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Kota Open University

4273. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average period after which the Degree of passing the examination is issued to successful candidates by the Kota Open University, Kota (Rajasthan);

(b) whether the Kota Open University has issued the Degree of passing the examination to all the students who passed M.A examination in 1989 particularly to those who passed in the subject of Economics through correspondence;

(c) if not, the number of students to whom the degrees have not been issued so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps take/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the Degrees of passing the examination are issued by the University within a reasonable time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): According to the information furnished by Kota Open University; (a) there is no specific time schedule for award of degrees. Provisional Certificates are issued on demand soon after declaration of result;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The number of M.A. students of 1989 who have not been awarded degrees is 1990 as due to unavoidable circumstances the degrees could not be printed.

(d) According to information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan the Vice-Chancellor has been advised to use his emergency powers, if necessary, to cut down procedural delays and award degrees quickly.

Research on Preservation of Milk and Milk Products

4724. DR. R MALLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the recent researches made to improve the shelf life of milk and milk products by the national Dairy Research Institute, Karnal;

(b) whether the feasibility of such research works in rural sector has been taken into cognizance by Dairy Technologists;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the propagation and promotion of such research works so as to protect the milk and milk products from wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR): (a) Sir, NDRI is engaged in developing techniques to improve the shelf life of milk and milk products. This processing conditions, use of permitted preservatives and suitable packing materials.