

against these vacancies could not be issued due to non-receipt of prior verification of character and antecedents reports from the Police authorities.

Due to non-availability of suitable candidates in 2 disciplines (7 vacancies), the vacancies are slated for re-advertisement.

In regard to remaining 2 disciplines (16 vacancies), the recruitment process is in hand.

(d) The offers of appointment to the selected candidates will be issued after receipt of Police verifications. The selection process in case of 2 disciplines is likely to be completed shortly. However, the selection in the two disciplines, which are slated for re-advertisement, the selection/appointment depends upon the response of suitable candidates.

[Translation]

Gauge conversion of Bareilly—Kathgodam Railway line

3163. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to undertake the gauge conversion of Bareilly—Kathgodam railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof including estimated cost, funds allocated and time schedule fixed for its completion; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) Railways have drawn up an Action Plan for progressive conversion of narrow/metre gauge lines into broad gauge. Lines required urgently on operational considerations are being taken up in the first phase. Bareilly—Kathgodam will be considered for conversion in the next phase, subject to availability of resources.

Foodgrains Production in Madhya Pradesh

3164. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains produced in Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 and the targets fixed in this regard for the year 1993-94;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any programme to increase the

foodgrains production in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The foodgrains production is estimated as 175.91 lakh tonnes in Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 and a target of 179.11 lakh tonnes has been fixed for the year 1993-94.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. To supplement the efforts of State Governments in increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, the Government of India is implementing a number of crop production oriented programmes in identified States of country including Madhya Pradesh viz. Integrated Programme for Rice Development, Special Foodgrains Production (Wheat), Special Foodgrains Production Programme (Maize and Millets) and National Pulses Development Project. Under these programmes, assistance is being provided to the farmers on the use of critical inputs like seed of improved varieties, herbicides, micro-nutrients, plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, improved farm implements etc. Besides, for quick transfer of improved crop production technology, demonstrations on farmers fields are conducted and training is imparted.

[English]

Model Dairy

3165. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mysore Dairy has been selected by the National Dairy Development Board for implementing various measures to make it a model dairy in the country; and

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be spent in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) There is no separate allocation of funds for Mysore Dairy. However, under Operation Flood III Programme National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has approved investment of Rs. 372.18 lakh for the Mysore District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited for development of Mysore milk-shed as a Model Project of which Mysore Dairy is a part.