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20.	Rajasthan	24555
21.	Sikkim	1292
22.	Tamil Nadu	24360
23.	Tripura	3226
24.	Uttar Pradesh	36768
25.	West Bengal	9600
Total—States		314639

[Translation]

### Consumer Price of Milk

71. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:  
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:  
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:  
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- whether there has been an increase in consumer price of milk inspite of increased production of milk;
- if so, the average consumer price of milk at present at national level;
- the steps envisaged for increasing the milk production during the next two years along with the target set for 1994-95;
- whether the Government have issued licences to private sector after the Milk and Milk Products Order has come into force on June 9, 1995; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The consumer price of milk depends upon such factors as cost of production, collection, chilling, processing etc. Price of milk is lowest in the flush season (November, February) and highest in the lean season (May to August). The average price of milk marketed by the cooperative/public sector in the country during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 6.4, 7.5 and 8.0 per litre respectively.

(c) All round efforts are being made to increase milk production in the country. The strategies being pursued in this regard are as under:

- Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their hometracts and upgrading in other selected areas;
- Cross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds;
- Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas;
- Development of feed and fodder resources;
- Organisation of effective animal health services to support the production programme;
- Implementation of Operation Flood Programme; and
- Integrated dairy development for non-operational, hilly and backward areas. The target set for milk production for 1994-95 is 63.5 million tonnes.

(d) No, Sir. The Milk and Milk Product Order 1992 is concerned with the registration of units.

(e) Does not arise.

### Unreserved Trains

72. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM:  
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- whether the Government propose to introduce fully unreserved trains on the more busy routes for the convenience of passengers; and
- if so, the details of the routes and the time by which such trains are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The feasibility of introducing fully unreserved trains is under examination and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.

### Strengthening of Railways

73. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- whether the Government have formulated any plan for streamlining and strengthening the financial position in various sectors of the Railways;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) In line with the past, an Action Plan has been launched on the Railways in 1994-95 also to augment earnings and reduce working expenses, inter-alia, to generate additional resources internally. The broad areas which the Action Plan is covering are:—

- Energy Conservation.
- Better asset utilisation.
- Elimination of redundant activities and wastage like:
  - Expeditious condemnation of Steam Locos, Steam Cranes, Steam Sheds etc.,
  - Closure of redundant yards etc.,
  - Critical control over consumption of high value items,
  - Cost control, cost reduction and cost effectiveness in all on-line and off-line activities,
  - Better Inventory Control.

(c) Implementation of the above Action Plan is a continuing exercise. However, due to implementation of