

Poultry and Duck Breeding Farms during 1985-86 is as under :

- (i) Central Poultry Breeding Farm, Hesserghatta (Bangalore). 9,101 hens
- (ii) Central Poultry Breeding Farm, Bombay 4,924 hens
- (iii) Central Poultry Breeding Farm, Bhutnesbwar 6,767 hens
- (iv) Central Poultry Breeding Farm, Chandigarh 5,397 hens
- (v) Central Duck Breeding Farm, Hesserghatta (Bangalore). 2 522 ducks

*(English)*

Duration of regional programmes telecast by Delhi Doordarshan

3743. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the duration of regional language programmes telecast from Delhi Doordarshan, especially in the national network programme ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Single transport authority in Metropolitan Cities

3744. SHRI SRI HARI RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a single transport authority in the metropolitan cities to co-ordinate the activities of the public transport systems ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the progress made in drawing up a rapid mass transit system for metropolitan cities; if any ; and

(d) whether any rapid mass transit system is proposed for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) A Working Group has been constituted to consider the proposal to set up a single transport authority in the metropolitan cities to coordinate the activities of the public transport systems. Its report is awaited.

(c) A task force has been set up to advise and evaluate different modes of mass rapid transport system for urban transport in Delhi and to recommend the one most suited to meet the growing needs of Delhi. Its report is awaited.

(d) No, Sir.

Use of organic fertilizers/manure

3745. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) The average quantity of organic fertilizer applied per acre of cultivable land in China and India ;

(b) the comprehensive plan adopted in China which is utilizing most of the compost in rural and urban areas for the manufacture / conversion into organic fertilizer/manure ; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to utilise the compost to the maximum extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) There is no authentic statistics available about the extent of organic fertilizers applied per acre of cultivable land in China. However, it is generally reported that much larger quantities of organic manure are used in China as compared to India. The average quantity of organic fertilisers applied per acre of cultivable land in India is 0.56 tonnes during 1985-86.

(b) As per information available it is understood that organised efforts are made in China to use all types of rural and urban organic waste including human, large animal and hog manures, compost, crop residues ashes, oilcakes urban waste and mud from rivers and ponds as manure.

(c) State Governments are regularly advised to take adequate steps to increase the production and use of organic manures. At present about 235 million tonnes of rural compost and 6.7 million tonnes of urban compost are being used as manures in the country

Anticipated rise between demand and supply in housing

3746. PROF. RAM KRISHNA MORE :

CH. RAM PRAKASH :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated housing shortage in the country at the end of 1981 and the annual percentage of increase in the housing shortage at the end of 1986, year-wise ; and

(b) the anticipated rise between demand and supply in housing by 2001 and to what extent, with the current rate

of construction, the gap in the housing is anticipated to be bridged by 2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) As per the National Buildings Organisation estimates the housing shortage at the beginning of 1981 was 21.2 million dwelling units and the rate of increase in the shortage has been of the order of 4.3% per annum.

(b) Demand for housing is conditioned by several factors. Moreover, as efforts are being made to step up the provision of house sites and the pace of construction of houses, it is difficult to estimate with any degree of reliability, the likely gap between demand and supply of housing by 2001.

Housing schemes in rural areas

3747. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of schemes are being implemented in the rural areas for providing housing facilities to the different categories of people ;

(b) the total number of such schemes and the agencies through which they are being implemented ;

(c) whether the multiplicity of agencies is creating a problem in achieving the set targets ; and

(d) if so, the present system of co-ordination and whether Government are considering to bring them under one umbrella ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) : Housing being a State subject, all social housing schemes are being implemented by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations according to their requirements and plan priorities. In addition, central assistance is provided to States/UTs under Indira Awas Yojana for