

thereof, will be decided after talks with Saudi authorities later this year.

Loss in Milk Dairies

5115. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government run milk dairies are running in loss in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government propose to close them down and hand over them to Anand Pattern (Amul Dairy) co-operative movement managed by NDDB; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to widen the scope of NDDB all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Maharashtra which runs these milk schemes does not propose to close them down.

(c) There is no proposal before the Government to widen the scope of NDDB.

Utilisation of Funds

5116. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had convened a meeting of various leaders to ensure effective utilisation of funds for antipoverty programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No Sir. However, the Union Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment had convened a Conference of the State Ministers of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and Rural Housing on 13th May, 1998 to discuss the programmes of Rural Employment, Rural Housing and Panchayati Raj.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

20-Point Programme

5117. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the progress made in the implementation of 20-point programme in each State during the 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : The details regarding the progress made in the implementation of 20-point Programme in each State during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 with reference to the items which are monitored on monthly basis, are available in the Annual Progress Reports of the 20-Point Programme for the said years. These published documents have been made available regularly to the Parliament Library.

[English]

Central Assistance for Agricultural Projects

5118. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal seeking Central Assistance for undertaking various agricultural projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) No proposal has been received from Government of Uttar Pradesh for seeking Central assistance for Agricultural Project in the State.

However, the State Government has sought Dutch assistance for Farm Women Training Project which is under examination

[Translation]

Koshi Dam

5119. SHRI ANUP LAL YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government for increasing the height of Koshi Dam and construction of a dam at Kotar in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the survey work has been completed;

(d) if so, the time by which the construction work of the dam is likely to be commenced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (e) Preliminary surveys have been carried out for construction of a dam on Kosi river 1.6 km upstream of Barahakshetra in Nepal.