

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Fodder Banks**

\*82. CH. RAM PARKASH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are paying special attention to create fodder banks in the country;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to convert poaddy straw and sugarcane bagasse into nutritious livestock feed and despatch it to the deficit States; and

(c) if so whether these fodder banks will be set up in each State capital or districts headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL). (a) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has advised the drought affected States inter alia to establish fodder banks for providing relief to livestock.

(b) The State Governments have been advised to procure paddy straw and sugarcane bagasse from surplus areas and enrich them with urea and molasses for feeding cattle

(c) Some of the States have set up fodder banks/fodder depots at vulnerable areas.

**News Item captioned "laai Bungles Barter Deal"**

\*83 SHRI MANIK REDDY:  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Indian Express" dated 8 January, 1988 under the heading "laai bungles barter deal";

(b) if so, the facts of the case and the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether any action is proposed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Libya have released 5.00 lakh barrels of crude oil to I.A.A.I as part payment against outstanding dues on account of airport projects executed in Libya, at the official selling price of US \$18.52 per barrel. The crude oil was disposed of in the International market at the rate of US \$ 17.51 per barrel as the same cannot be processed in India.

(c) and (d) The transaction has the approval of the Government.

**BBC Broadcasts on Secessionists Activities in Punjab**

\*87. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is time and again broadcasting the activities of secessionists in Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of times BBC broadcast such news during the last one year;

(c) whether Government have lodged a protest to the BBC after each such broadcast; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the BBC and what other steps Government propose to take in this regard?