

pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report of the Committee set up to go into the question of imposing a ban on cow slaughter ; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**World Bank Loan for Agriculture Universities**

\*696. SHRI RAMSHEKHAR PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has agreed to give loan to India to support the Agricultural Universities in the country ; and

(b) if so, the total loan given and the other help which has been sought ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The World Bank has not yet entered into any agreement with the Government of India to support the agricultural Universities in India. However, a proposal for obtaining assistance from the World Bank for the development of the Agricultural Universities in the States of Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra and Gujarat is under consideration.

**Implementation of Crash Programme for Rural Employment in Tamil Nadu**

\*698. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Government Officer in Madras to assist the Tamil Nadu Government to effect implementation of the crash programme for rural employment ; and

(b) if so, whether any periodical report is being submitted to the Central Government by that officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Relaxation of Restrictions of Opening of New Mines in Private Collieries**

\*703. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have agreed to relax the restrictions on the opening of new mines in private collieries on certain conditions ; and

(b) if so, what are those ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Cost of Milk Study Projects for Utilization of Surplus and Sub-Standard Milk**

\*704. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the price of the three projects to be set up to evolve economic methods for utilisation of surplus and sub-standard milk ; and

(b) when the projects are likely to be under-taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) The Government has set up one All-India Coordinated Research Project through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to evolve economic methods for the utilisation of surplus/sub-standard milk and the total cost of this project is Rs. 35.24 lakhs.