

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). A scheme for the sale of levy sugar to the consumers through fair price shops at a uniform price throughout the country was introduced from October, 1972. While 12 State Governments have specifically confirmed that the scheme has been implemented on the due date, only the Government of Nagaland have informed the Government of India very recently that its implementation in Nagaland has been delayed because of difficult terrain conditions.

Increase in Supply of Milk by Delhi Milk Scheme

***282. SHRI ISHAQUE SAMBHALI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Milk Scheme has any plan to increase the supply of milk in the capital;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) how long it will take for DMS to issue milk token to the 55,000 persons in the Waiting List?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The liquid milk handling capacity of existing dairy plant of Delhi Milk Scheme is being expanded from 3 lakhs litres a day to 3.75 lakhs litres a day. The expansion programme is at an advanced stage and is now expected to be completed in the next few months. A Second Dairy plant with a milk handling capacity of 4 lakhs litres daily is also being established in Delhi which is scheduled to be completed during the next financial year.

(c) The requirements of the persons presently on waiting list are expected to be covered by the end of June, 1973.

Blood requirements of Hospitals

***283. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirements of blood in the country in the Hospitals;

(b) whether the donors of blood are poor and unhealthy persons who sell their blood;

(c) if so, whether the unhealthy blood of these persons when transfused into the body of other patients is full of germs of various diseases; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to stop selling of blood by such persons?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT): (a) The total annual requirements of blood in the country in the Hospitals were estimated at 20,88,128 bottles of 500 cc each as on 31st March 1970 on the basis that every Hospital bed would require at least 7 units of blood per year.

(b) The professional donors are generally poor. However, the blood of unhealthy donors is not accepted.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No Blood Bank accepts blood donors without a proper medical check up, so that people who can transmit disease are excluded. The State Governments have been requested to take all possible measures to encourage voluntary donation of blood and progressively eliminate the professional donors.