

[*Translation*][*English*]**News Item Captioned "Pehle Hi Bigad Gaye Upkaran"****Short Term Loan for Purchase of Agricultural Inputs**

2578. PROF YADUNATH PANDEY:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

2579. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHAN MURTHY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRIGANGACHARALODHI:
SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Jansatta' dated 21 May, 1990 under the caption "pehle hi begad gaye upkaran";

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(b) if so, the details of annual expenditure being incurred on the purchase and maintenance of these equipments; and

(a) whether Government have advanced short-term loans to some States for the purchase and distribution of agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, seeds and pesticides; and

(c) the defects noticed in these equipments and the action taken to fix responsibility in this regard?

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) Some of the equipments became faulty during the operation which were repaired under warranty clause and set right. The question of taking action to fix the responsibility does not arise.

(b) A statement indicating the amount of short-term loans sanctioned to States for Kharif, 90 season is given below.

STATEMENT*Short-term loans released to States during Kharif 1990 season**(Rs. in crores)*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21.85
2.	Karnataka	11.50
3.	Kerala	2.00

(Rs. in crores)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
4.	Tamil Nadu	9.10
5.	Madhya Pradesh	11.25
6.	Maharashtra	19.30
7.	Rajasthan	8.60
8.	Haryana	5.45
9.	Punjab	8.10
10.	Uttar Pradesh	17.65
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1.45
12.	Assam	3.40
13.	Bihar	16.40
14.	Orissa	8.90
15.	West Bengal	17.80
16.	Manipur	0.50
17.	Meghalaya	0.15
Total:		163.40

Request by Indian Scientists to India and Pak to Ban Nuclear Weapons

2580. SHRI MADHVRAO SCINDIA:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian scientists have urged to the Government of India and Pakistan to banish nuclear weapons from this part of the world;

(b) if so, the Government's information about Pakistan's response thereto: and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI
HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of India do not believe that the problem posed by nuclear