(ii) Operation of relief camps

(iii) Dropping of food packets in the marooned areas.

(iv) Ex-gratia payments to the families of the deceased.

(v) Assistance for repair of damaged houses.

(vi) Agriculture input subsidy

(vii) Assistance to artisans in the handloom sector.

[*Translation*]

Black Marketing of Kerosen e Oil in U.P.

2917. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted during last year on the Kerosene oil Depots in Uttar Pradesh to check the black marketing of Kerosene oil;

(b) the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of dealerships cancelled during the previous year due to black marketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES , CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINNISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

UNDP Assistance

2918. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have agreed to provide financial for consumer education and other research work in the country;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance and the time by which it is likely to be received; and

(c) the details of specefic projects on which this assistance is proposed to nespent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Under this programme UNDP has agreed to provide financial assistance of US $ 6,15, 000/- in two phases to Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, a voluntary consumer organisation for enhancing the capabilities of CERC by establishing comparative testing facilities for food items, domestic electrical appliances and pharmaceuticals. The project document for this project was signed with UNDP on 18th September, 1992 and will be implemented over a period of two years.

[*English*]

Public and Private Sector Investment in Agriculture Sector

2919. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the public and private investment in Agriculture sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the investment has decreased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase such investments on agriculture sector to tap unrealised potential in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). Gross Capital formation in agriculture and allied activities, which represent investment in physical assets, during 1988-89 to 1991-92 at 1980-81 prices are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	*Private Sector*	*Public Sector*	*Total*
1988-89	2985	1680	4665
1989-90	3191	1427	4618
1990-91	3421	1538	4959
1991-92	3537@	1360	4897

@ Quice estimates

(c) The thrust in public sector investments in agriculture during the peiod has been on optimising investments already, made rather than making new start with huge investments

(d) The strategy to increase capital formation in agriculture will include increasing the proportion of planned investment for development of infrastructure, more efficient use of resources to raise productivity and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers to induce them to go for higher investments in agriculture.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka for 'Akshaya' Scheme

2920. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance for its scheme "Akashaya" for the benefit of poor children of school going age;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided or proposed to be provided by the Union Government therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.