

**Financial relief for domestic fertilizers units**

3235. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to provide substantial financial relief for the domestic fertilizer units in the country to beat the current recessionary conditions;

(b) the main features of the proposed rescue plan; and

(c) if so, by what time the same is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c). Due to unfavourable weather conditions during the last three years, the fertilizer consumption has been below the targetted levels. Therefore, the stocks of indigenous fertilizers have gone up. The fertilizer industry has sought relief by way of compensation for higher inventory carrying costs. The proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

**Assistance to small and marginal farmers to increase agricultural production**

3236. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA

RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by Union Government, State-wise, during 1985-86 under the special scheme for assisting small and marginal farmers for increasing their agricultural production; and

(b) whether an assessment has been made in regard to the targets achieved, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) State/Union Territory-wise Central share released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production during 1985-86 is indicated in the Statement below.

(b) The reports received so far from the State Governments reveals that a total number of 39.29 lakh seed minikits of oil-seeds, pulses and coarse-grains as against the target of 20.18 lakh have been distributed to the small and marginal farmers under the scheme during 1985-86. Under minor irrigation component 1.72 lakh wells/tubewells have been dug/installed and 1.42 lakh pumpsets/diesel engines/electric motors installed by the small and marginal farmers. Under land development component an area of about 0.61 lakh hectares has been covered.

**STATEMENT**

*State-wise release of Central share under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production during 1985-86.*

(Rs. in lakhs)

States/UTs	Central Share released
1. Andhra Pradesh	465.95

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States/UTs	Central share released
2. Assam	92 46
3. Bihar	405.03
4. Gujarat	367.06
5. Haryana	128 34
6. Himachal Pradesh	95 22
7. Jammu & Kashmir	51 75
8. Karnataka	120 75
9. Kerala	312 57
10. Madhya Pradesh	773 17
11. Maharashtra	740 00
12. Manipur	35 88
13. Meghalaya	16 56
14. Nagaland	28 98
15. Orissa	492 42
16. Punjab	162 84
17. Rajasthan	325 68
18. Sikkim	10 00
19. Tamil Nadu	709 64
20. Tripura	21 50
22. West Bengal	462 30
23. A & N Islands	6 90
24. Arunachal Pradesh	132 48
25. Chandigarh	1 38
26. D & N Haveli	1 38
27. Delhi	6 90
28. Goa, Daman & Diu	33 12
29. Lakshadweep	6 90

States/UTs	Central share released
30. Mizoram	55.20
31. Pondicherry	5.52
All India	7479.60

### Improvement in digestibility & nutritional value of cattle-feed

3237. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Dairy Corporation has developed a new process called "Urea Molasses Lick" to improve the digestibility and nutritional value of cattle-feed;

(b) if so, the salient features of the process and the economics related to reduction in cost of milk production;

(c) the number of dairy co-operatives in which the process is proposed to be put into practice; and

(d) the steps that are being taken for introduction of this new process in all the dairy co-operatives of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed a new feed supplement called Urea Molasses block using Urea, Molasses, Minerals and small quantity of protein. The product has been patented in India.

(b) The process of manufacture involved mixing of ingredients with Molasses and heating the mixture under controlled condition till the viscosity of the mixture reaches the desired level. The processed material is then discharged into special moulds and colled. The material cools into hard solid blocks.

Reduction in concentrate requirement

and increased nutrient availability and utilisation of all crop residues results in approximately 20% cost reduction in Milk production. Degree of cost reduction varies with regions and feeding practices.

(c) Using the process of Urea Molasses block developed by NDDB, 4 Dairy Cooperative Unions/federations have established the Commercial plants. These are situated in Anand and Mehsana in Gujarat, Bangalore in Karnataka and Bhattian in Punjab. It has not been possible to actively promote the use of Urea Molasses lick due to the inadequate availability of Molasses to the feed Plants.

(d) Indian Dairy Corporation is planning to set up 21 more plants in different milksheds.

### Annual capacity of proposed gas-based Fertilizer Plants

3238. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the annual production capacity of the proposed gas-based fertiliser plants in the country; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b). The annual production capacity of the six gas-based fertilizer plants being put up/proposed to be put up is indicated below:—