

(b) If so, Government's scheme to make good the loss suffered by Bihar as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(English)

Assistance to Cooperative Institutions

3657. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial provision made in the Seventh Five Year Plan to develop cooperative institutions in the country;

(b) whether guidelines have been sent to State Governments to develop and strengthen the co-operative institutions functioning under them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The State and Central Sector Plans envisage an outlay of Rs. 1470 crore on "Cooperation" in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The strategy for cooperative development in the Seventh Five Year Plan envisages the following main tasks.

(i) Comprehensive development of primary agricultural credit societies to function as multipurpose viable units;

(ii) Realignment of the policies and procedures of cooperatives to expand the flow of credit and ensure supply of inputs and

services particularly to the weaker sections;

(iii) Taking up of special cooperative programmes for implementation in the underdeveloped States especially in the North-Eastern Region;

(iv) Strengthening the consumer cooperative movement in urban as well as rural areas so that it can play a pivotal role in the public distribution system; and

(v) Promoting professional management and strengthening of effective training facilities for improving the operational efficiency.

Development of women and children in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh

3658. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the districts suggested by Government of Andhra Pradesh for the development of women and children in rural areas have been approved under the scheme of 'Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas'; and

(b) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) The programme 'Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)' is being implemented in some districts all over the country selected according to laid-down criteria. The programme was implemented in three districts viz Cuddapah, Srikakulam and Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh since its inception. In 1986-87 the programme was to be taken up in two additional districts of Andhra Pradesh. However, the State Government proposed three districts. Since only two districts could be taken up, after consultation with the

State Government and as per their suggestion two of the three districts namely Mehboobnagar and Anantapur were approved.

Production of Nitrogenous Fertilisers

3659. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :
DR. A. K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the installed capacity of fertiliser plants, the actual production and the number of shut down days during each of the last three years and the current year plant-wise ;

(b) whether nitrogenous fertiliser production is proposed to be increased without any fresh capital investment;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(d) how do the production costs of fertilisers in India compare with those of

some leading manufacturers in the world market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The unitwise installed capacity and the actual production of nitrogenous fertilizers during the last three years and the current year (upto February, 1987) are given in the Statement given below.

The information regarding the number of shut down days of each plant is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Measures such as renovation, debottlenecking, modernisation, etc., are taken on a continuous basis to maximise production in the operating fertilizer units. From the units at present in operation, an additional production of about one lakh tonnes of Nitrogen is expected during the ensuing year i.e. 1987-88.

(d) The cost of production of fertilizers in India is higher than the cost of production abroad, because of equipment, feedstock and inputs being costlier.

Statement

Unit-wise installed capacity and production of Nitrogenous fertilizers during the years 1983-84 to 1986-87.

(Figures in thousand tonnes of Nitrogen)

Name of the Unit	Present Installed Capacity	Production during the years			
		1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87 (Upto February, 1987)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PUBLIC SECTOR					
Sindri Modernisation	219	131.4	125.2	74.1	118.1
Gorakhpur	131	81.4	82.4	78.9	73.6