

pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Limited, is still incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether changes have been made in the structure of the Board of Directors; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). The performance of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has been improving steadily. HCL has made a profit of Rs. 10.75 crores (Provisional) during the year 1987-88 against loss of Rs. 8.87 crores during the year 1986-87. These figures excludes interest on Government loans.

(c) and (d). The Memorandum & Articles of Association of HCL, 1967-68 provide for a maximum number of 12 Directors of the Board of Hindustan Copper Limited including 4 whole-time Directors. The Board of Directors of HCL has been re-constituted for the Company Years 1987-88 to 1989-90 in terms of the Memorandum & Article of Association of the Company.

#### **Minimum Support Prices for Turmeric and Chillis**

3149. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission for Agricul-

tural Costs and Prices has been requested by several organisations to determine the minimum support prices for Turmeric and dried chillis; and

(b) if so, the reaction of CACP thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Supply of Seeds to States by National Seeds Corporation**

3150. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Seeds Corporation has supplied seeds to the States; and

(b) if so, the quantity of seeds demanded by each States and the quantity actually supplied, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating tentative demand projected by the States for requirement of seed from National Seeds Corporation during kharif, 1988 and actual supplies made by the National Seeds Corporation is given below.

#### **STATEMENT**

(QUANTITY IN QUINTALS)

S.No.	State	Projected demand by the State	Seed made available
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,760	1,700