

marginal small farmers with holdings upto 5 acres by public sector banks, during the last two years, and those

advanced in the State of Orissa are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs.)

	Upto end of Sep- tember 1975		Upto end of Sep- tember 1976	
	All India	Orissa	All India	Orissa
Short-term	10510.23	161.98	15809.91	302.53
Term-Loans	5447.24	102.00	9086.97	210.49
	15957.47	263.98	24896.88	513.02

(b) Total amount outstanding of advances to farmers with holdings above 5 years, by public sector banks

upto the end of September 1975 and September 1976, are as below:

(Rs. in lakhs.)

	Upto end of September	
	1975	1976
Short-term	10566.79	15307.27
Term-Loans	21502.18	20346.86
	32068.97	44654.13

Money Supply and Wholesale Price Index

4212. SHRI DRONUM RAJU SATYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the money supply position and the wholesale price index with its reflection on the retail prices, from March, 1977 to 31st October, 1977 as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year;

(b) the reasons for deteriorating difference even though the crop position has been good and encouraging; and

(c) the steps envisaged by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Between end-March and end-October 1977 money supply expanded by 6.4 per cent as against 9.7 per cent in the corresponding period of 1976; the

Wholesale Price Index (1970-71=100) rose by 1.1 per cent this year as against an increase of 8.4 per cent last year. The Consumer Price Index (1960=100) shows an increase of 5.8 per cent between March and October 1977 as against 6.3 per cent in the same period of 1976.

(b) and (c). As will be seen from the above, there has been slowing down in the rate of increase of both money supply and prices in the current year.

Reconstitution of Mica Advisory Committee

4214. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mica Advisory Committee has been reconstituted recently;