

[*Translation*]**Maharashtra Government's Proposal  
Regarding interest in Farm Loans**

\*539. PROF. MAHADEOSHIWANKAR:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for giving farm loans upto Rs. 10,000 at the interest rate of 6 per cent has been sent by Maharashtra Government to Union Government;

(b) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has raised an objection and rejected it;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) to (d). The State Government of Maharashtra has written a letter to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) proposing thereby to provide interest subsidy of 4% to the borrowers of loans upto Rs. 10,000/- in the State of Maharashtra, and that subsidy was proposed to be provided out of a fund which was to be shared equally by the State Government and Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB). The NABARD did not agree to the proposal of the State Government as the same was violative of guidelines/instructions issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/NABARD. However, on the assurance given by the State Govern-

ment to the effect that the scheme would be implemented as Production Incentive Scheme with contribution from the State Government only and MSCB would not be required to contribute towards such a fund, the refinance facilities to MSCB, which were suspended on 18th January, 1990, have been resumed with effect from 12th March, 1990 by NABARD.

[*English*]**Extensions to T.V. Serials**

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SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for granting extensions to T. V. serials;

(b) the details of T. V. serials which were given extension during last three years including the number of additional episodes allowed in each case; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). Extension/revival to a serial is given after taking into consideration such factors as the intrinsic merit as well as its popularity. 17 such serials were given extension/revival during the last three years as per details given below:

<i>Title of the Serial</i>	<i>Name of the Producer</i>	<i>No. of episodes by which extended/ revived</i>
1	2	3
Ramayan	Shri Ramanand Sagar	26 [Additional 39 episodes for Uttar Ramayan]