

**Cooperative Movement in Punjab**

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 \*1159. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 { Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has recently approached the Union Government for a loan for the expansion of cooperative movement in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether that loan has been given; and

(c) the amount of that loan?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 10.16 lakhs.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether any target has been fixed by the Central Government so far as the number of co-operative societies is concerned and if so, what is the target?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have certain targets, but I am afraid I have not got the figures before me. We have fixed targets according to the years also.

Shri Tangamani: May I know how many co-operative farms are now working in Punjab?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This question does not relate to co-operative farms, etc. Only assistance given for primary marketing societies undertaking marketing activities and so on was asked for. This does not refer to co-operative farming.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What are the terms of the loan? What is the interest and when is the loan repayable?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This is according to the schemes which are ordinarily well-known to the House. The pattern has been already made known.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any notification or any paper relating to the scheme available in the library?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will get the information about it from the hon. Minister and look into it.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know what other State Governments have demanded loans for expansion?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Every State Government has asked for it and there is a plan to give loan to every State.

**Jeeps**

\*1160. Shri E. C. Majhi: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to withdraw jeeps from Block areas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) It has been decided that there should be one jeep in every Block for the use of all extension staff. In the case of earlier series of Community Development Blocks which have been supplied with more than one jeep, only one vehicle will be retained and the rest will be withdrawn for use in the new Blocks.

(b) The decision regarding partial withdrawal has been taken after careful consideration of the recommendation of the Committee on Plan Projects.

Shri E. C. Majhi: May I know whether the Ministry have received any complaints about the misuse of jeeps inside and outside blocks?

Shri S. K. Dey: Yes Sir, we have.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know what is the reason which has led to the withdrawal of jeeps from the community development blocks?

Shri S. K. Dey: The report of the Balwantray Mehta study team.