

*[English]***Retail Outlets and Procurement Centres**

*769 SHRIMATICHANDRA PRABHAURS
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance from the National Cooperative Development Corporation to establish retail outlets and procurement outlets of Horticultural Producers Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society Limited' (HOPCOMS),

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided by the National Cooperative Development Corporation during 1992-93, and

(c) the number of such retail outlets and procurement centres proposed to be set up during the current year in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) Yes, Sir, The Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance for the society amounting to Rs 450.57 lakh for expansion of fruit and vegetable marketing activities including setting up of 175 retail outlets and 25 procurement centres at a cost of Rs.236.275 lakh. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) after a spot appraisal approved the total project cost at Rs 448.00 lakh which included the components for setting up 165 retail outlets and 21 procurement centres costing Rs 246.00 lakh

(b) During the year 1992-93, the NCDC released a sum of Rs 146.77 lakh for the project in addition to the earlier released of Rs 114.48 lakh upto end of 1991-92

(c) The HOPCOMS, Bangalore expects to open 43 retail outlets and 7 procurement centres during 1993-94 in addition to 122 retail outlets and 1 procurement centre already opened under the project

*[Translation]***Natural Calamities in Madhya Pradesh**

*770 SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the areas in Madhya Pradesh affected by various natural calamities during each of the last three years,

(b) the details of the loss caused as a result thereof year-wise,

(c) the financial assistance sought and the amount actually provided to the State, year-wise,

(d) whether any Central team has visited the State to review the situation and recommended relief measures,

(e) if so the details thereof and

(f) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) to (f) According to the reports received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh various parts of the State were affected by natural calamities like drought, floods and hailstorms during the last three years i.e. 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93. The extent of loss caused due to these calamities year-wise is given in the enclosed statement

The State Government had submitted Memoranda to the Central Government seeking financial assistance to the tune of Rs 214.48 crores during 1990-91, Rs.294.51 crores during 1991-92 and Rs 157.36 crores during 1992-93. The Central Government released its full share of Rs 27.75 crores to the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State during each of these years i.e. 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93.