

(b) The Government would welcome the establishment of an Agricultural University in the State of Gujarat and will take necessary action on the Government of Gujarat having taken a final view in the matter

Cooperative Societies in Goa

5163. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the category-wise number of Co-operative Societies in Goa, their capital and total membership,

(b) the number of societies which have made profits and the amount of profits;

(c) the total amount paid to society-members on account of dividends on their shares,

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that some of the societies have incurred heavy losses and in some of them a number of cases of misappropriation, fraud and other malpractices were detected

(e) whether Government are satisfied on the whole with the working of societies in Goa, and

(f) if the answer to part (e) be in the negative whether Government have any scheme under consideration to help local Government to enable them to make progress in the field of Co-operative movement?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House

Cultivation of 'Khar' Lands in Goa

5164. Shri Shinkre Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Goa there are extensive "Khar" lands which can be brought under paddy cultivation;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that local Government is not in a position to go ahead

with necessary schemes to bring under cultivation these "Khar" lands in view of the limited resources at their disposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide substantial funds and technical know-how to the local Government so that they can do the needful in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Large areas of khar lands are already put under paddy cultivation. These lands are being progressively reclaimed for cultivation

(b) No such reference is received from the Administration

(c) In the Third Plan over Rs 32 lakhs were utilised for protecting an area of about 16 500 acres of khar and khazan lands for paddy cultivation. The programme for the Fourth Plan is expected to be substantially larger than that in the Third Plan

Cultivation of 'Khazan' Lands in Goa

5165 Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that 'Khazan' lands in Goa are very fertile in view of their alluvial soil,

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the Local Government have finalised plans to get two crops from these lands but have not been successful in view of limited funds at their disposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide funds to the Local Government so that they can bring those 'Khazan' lands under cultivation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperations (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes.

(b) No such plan is received from the Administration.

(c) In the Third Plan over Rs. 32 lakhs were utilised for protecting an area of about 16,500 acres of khazan and khar lands for paddy cultivation. The Programme for the Fourth Plan is expected to be substantially larger than that of the Third Plan

**मध्य प्रदेश के लिये मध्यकालीन तथा
मध्यकालीन ऋण**

5166. श्री गं० च० होलिल : क्या साब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मध्य प्रदेश को 1967-68 के लिये कितनी कितनी राशि के मध्यकालीन और मध्यकालीन ऋण मंजूर किये गये ?

साब, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मन्ना-साहिब सिन्धे) : जहाँ तक सहकारी ऋण का सम्बन्ध है किसी राज्य के लिये "निर्धारण" का प्रश्न ही नहीं होता। लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये जाते हैं और आवश्यक सहायन सहकारी समितियों के 'ग्रान्ते' फंडों से जुटाये जाते हैं जिनको ऋण सीमा सम्बन्धी पात्रता के निर्धारित स्तरों के अनुसार रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा सहायता दी जाती है। इन लक्ष्यों के अनुसार सम्भावना है कि मध्य प्रदेश में सहकारी ऋण-संस्थाएँ 1967-68 के दौरान कृषि उत्पादन के लिये निम्नलिखित ऋण-कार्यक्रम शुरू करेंगी —

	करोड़ रुपये
मध्यकालीन	32
मध्यकालीन	8

कुल	40

इसके प्रतिरिक्त उर्बरकों, बीजों तथा कीटनाशक औषधियों की खरीद तथा वितरण के लिए मध्यकालीन सुविधा देने हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार ने चालू वर्ष में मध्य प्रदेश को 208 लाख रुपये स्वीकृत किये हैं।

Foreign Tourists

5167. श्री Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the "three steps" suggested by the U.S.A. Ambassador to attract "well heeled" tourists, which were published in the American Reporter sometime in April, 1967, and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have been aware of the need to take steps on the lines suggested, and have in fact been taking such steps to the extent possible. Over the last few years there have been concerted efforts to create an interest in tourism abroad through our offices located there, and to develop and promote tourism in this country. These measures are reflected in the Fourth Five Year Plan on Tourism, which will go a long way towards creating the conditions required for a rapid increase in our foreign exchange earnings through tourism

Bhubaneswar Airfield

5168. श्री Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the expansion or improvement of Bhubaneswar airfield in the Fourth Plan;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof;

(c) the estimate for the same; and

(d) the amount spent during 1966-67 for such expansion/improvement.

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) to (c).

A proposal for widening and strengthening the apron and taxi-track at Bhubaneswar aerodrome at an estimated cost of Rs 13.22 lakhs during the Fourth Plan period is under examination