

Corporation and State Trading Corporation against release orders issued to them in respect of canalised imports.

The Credit carries no interest but only a service charge of $\frac{3}{4}$ th of one per cent per annum and is repayable in 50 years, with a grace period of 10 years.

Aid from World Bank for Providing Credit to Farmers

6804. SHRI D. D. DESAI :

SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has given 320 million dollar aid to India to expand institutional credit programme for Indian farmers;

(b) if so, the names of the States that have been benefited by the World Bank aid;

(c) whether there is any change in the pattern of bank assistance to Indian farmers; and

(d) if so, the broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States which have been benefited by this assistance and the quantum of aid received for the purpose are as under :

	\$ Million
Gujarat	35.0
Punjab	27.5
Andhra Pradesh	24.4
Haryana	25.0
Tamil Nadu	35.0
Karnataka (Mysore)	40.0
Maharashtra	30.0
Madhya Pradesh	33.0
Uttar Pradesh	38.0
Bihar	32.0
Total	319.9

Recently, we have concluded negotiations for credits for West Bengal Rural Development Project and Project for ARC for amounts \$34 million and \$75 million, respectively

11--7 LSS (ND)/75

(c) and (d) While the pattern of assistance in the ten projects which have already been signed is more or less uniform, in the two credits which have recently been negotiated, there is a slight change in the pattern of assistance. In the West Bengal Project, the State Minor Irrigation Corporation would be able to undertake investments for tubewells and in the agricultural Refinance Corporation's credit, half the amount is expected to be utilised for small farmers.

India and E.E.C. talk on Indian Textile Exports

6805. SHRI D. D. DESAI :

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM

KAKODKAR :

SHRI RAGHUNANDANLAL

BHATIA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and the E.E.C. held any talks on Indian textile exports to the E.E.C. recently;

(b) if so, whether any progress was made towards an agreement;

(c) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(d) whether the talks had narrowed down the differences between the mination community and India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Negotiations are still not concluded.

Reduction of Price by Textile Mills

6806. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :

SHRI ISHAQE SAMBHALI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in spite of fall in prices of cotton, the textile millers are not prepared to reduce their prices at home or in the world markets; and