

have been approved. No project is pending for clearance with the Union Government.

Statement

Details of Projects Received from Bihar under the RLEGP During 1985-86

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1.	Renovation/restoration of tanks (ahars) and construction/renovation of weirs in Aurangabad District.
2.	Construction/renovation of lift irrigation schemes in East Champaran District.
3.	Construction, renovation and improvement of minor irrigation and lift irrigation schemes in Khagarea District.
4.	Construction of houses for SC/ST.
5.	Social Forestry with people's participation for afforestation of wasteland.
6.	Construction of rural link roads.
7.	Social Forestry projects for various districts.

Cooperative Rice Mills in Uttar Pradesh

1971. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rice mills in cooperative sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any Central assistance was given for the establishment of rice mills in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the quantity of paddy processed by rice mills in the cooperative sector in U.P. during the year 1985;

(d) whether co-operative rice mills in Uttar Pradesh are running at a profit or loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) There were 22 Cooperative Rice Mills installed in Uttar Pradesh on 31-3-1985.

(b) The National Cooperative Development Corporation provided an assistance of Rs. 3.04 lakhs towards establishment of 17 Cooperative Rice Mills under Centrally Aided Plan Schemes.

(c) Out of the 22 installed Mills, 11 Mills reported working, processed 14,046.26 tonnes of paddy during the cooperative year 1984-85.

(d) Of the 11 mills reported working, 6 are in profit, 4 in losses and 1 has not reported its profit/loss position.

[Translation]

Projects Operated by N.M.D.C in Madhya Pradesh

1972. SHRI MANKURAM SODI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects being operated by National Mineral Development Corporation in the country and the names of projects being implemented out of them in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of projects proposed to be implemented in the State and the time by which these will start operating; and

(c) the reasons for not setting up N.M.D.C, head-quarters at Bastar ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) There are four mining projects operated by National Mineral Development Corporation Limited in the country. Of them, the following three mining projects are located in Madhya Pradesh :

1. Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No. 14, District Bastar;
2. Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Deposit No. 5, District Bastar;

3. **Diamond Mining Project, Panna.**

(b) One Dolomite Project is proposed to be commissioned during the Seventh Plan period in the District of Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh. In addition, an expansion project of Bailadila-14 at Deposit No. 11-C and the Fine Ore Handling Plant at Bailadila Deposit 5 are under implementation. Likely dates of commissioning of these two plants are June, 1987 and December, 1986 respectively.

(c) Hyderabad is a Centrally located city with good communication facilities enabling N.M.D.C. to have effective operational control over their mines in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. Hyderabad is also convenient for purposes of coordinating their investigation projects as well as the export of iron ore to Japan and South Korea through Vizag and Madras Ports.

[English]

Target Fixed for Production of Food-grains in Sixth Plan

1973. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the target set for the production of foodgrains in Sixth Plan;

(b) whether the target have been achieved;

(c) if so, to what extent; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The target of foodgrains production for Sixth Plan was fixed at 153.6 million tonnes.

(b) and (c). Foodgrains production reached an all time high of 152.4 million tonnes in 1983-84, but declined to 146.2 million tonnes in 1984-85, the terminal year of the Sixth Plan.

(d) The decline in foodgrains production during 1984-85 is mainly due to unfavoura-

ble weather conditions in different parts of the country.

Relaxation in Norms for Cooperatively Weaker States

1974. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 724 on 6th May, 1985 regarding norms for lending to cooperatives and state :

(a) the details about the relaxation in the norms allowed by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the cooperatively weaker States and for the farmers belonging to the weaker sections for credit from cooperative credit institutions;

(b) a brief outline of the special schemes drawn up for these States and the vulnerable sections of the society in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the names of States and the criteria adopted for defining weaker sections for whom the norms have been relaxed and the date from which the relaxation has been allowed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The details of relaxation in the norms allowed by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are as under :—

(i) Refinance is provided by NABARD under schematic lending at higher rate of 90 per cent to Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and State Cooperative Banks and 95 per cent to Land Development Banks against their loans for the development of agriculture and other rural activities as compared to the rate at which refinance is provided to other areas/States.

(ii) Central Co-operative Banks with overdues exceeding 60 per cent of demand are normally not eligible for sanction of any short-term