

Oilseeds development in Karnataka

5838. SHRIMATI BASAVARA-JESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government had submitted a detailed report to Union Government in November, 1986 on the strategy to enhance oilseeds production in the State;

(b) if so, the proposals made there-in and the action taken by Union Government thereon;

(c) whether National Cooperative Development Corporation is also assisting the State in various oilseeds development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, proposal has been received in November, 1986.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Supply of seeds to farmers

5839. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inadequate quantity and untimely supply of healthy seeds are the biggest problem confronting the farmers; and

(b) if so, that steps contemplated in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND

COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The State/U. T. Governments formulate detailed programmes variety-wise, for seed production/requirements from season to season to ensure timely availability of quality seeds to the farmers. However, there could be occasions when there might be shortage of a particular variety of seed in specific areas of the country. The shortage of any such particular variety of seed could be either due to outbreak of disease or natural calamity or even non-availability of parent material of that particular variety.

In order to develop necessary infra-structural facilities for the production and timely availability of quality seeds to the farmers throughout the country, the Government of India implemented the Seed Projects with the help of World Bank known as National Seed Projects-I (NSP-I) and National Seed Project-II (NSP-II). In order to further strengthen the facilities, Government of India proposes to launch Phase-III of the National Seed Project from 1987-88.

Single Window Cooperative Credit System

5840. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the Single Window Cooperative Credit System in the country; and

(b) if so, when and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G. S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b). The policy of the Government as set out in the Seventh Plan document, is to take steps for the integration of short-term and long-term credit structures in a phased manner, so that credit for production, investment and consumption is provided to the farmers through a single window. However, no State Government in recent past, has formulated proposals in this respect apart from the State of Andhra Pradesh where the scheme has been initiated from January, 87. Cooperation is a State subject and the initiative for formulation of