

## II, Physical achievements

Sl. No.	Key Indicator	Achievement (1980-81 to December, 1984)
1.	Soil & moisture conservation (000 hect.)	17.568
2.	Irrigation potential created (000 hect.)	156.119
3.	Forestry and pasture development (000 hect.)	30.817
4.	Milk societies set up (Nos.)	262
5.	Sheep societies set up (Nos.)	2
6.	Employment generated (000 mandays)	13423

### NCDC's Plans to Remove Regional Imbalances in Co-operative Infrastructure

3004. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether NCDC has a plan to give priority to remove regional imbalances in the creation of co-operative infrastructure ;

(b) the norms for giving priority to remove imbalances ;

(c) the criteria of selecting the States ; and

(d) whether U.P. has been covered in this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to reducing the gap and rectifying the imbalances in the field of cooperative development, NCDC has been implementing the scheme to speed up the development of cooperative marketing, processing, storage etc. in the cooperatively under-developed States/Union Territories. The States/Union Territories have been classified for the purpose into three categories, namely cooperatively developed,

under-developed and least developed States. Measures to reduce imbalances relate to provision of more liberal financial assistance, technical assistance and consultancy services. The pattern of financial assistance includes low rates of interest, longer moratorium and higher quantum in terms of percentage of project cost. Cooperatives for scheduled castes, tribals, fishermen and other weaker sections receive special treatment. A more liberal pattern of assistance is applicable to certain hilly and difficult areas of developed States as well. NCDC's support is provided on project basis.

(c) The States are identified as cooperatively under-developed or least developed after taking into account :

(i) the level of agricultural development ;

(ii) the strength or weakness of the cooperative infrastructure ; and

(iii) the adequacy of institutional credit for development.

(d) Uttar Pradesh has been classified as a cooperatively developed State. However, cooperatives in the notified hilly and remote areas of the State come within the purview of the scheme.

### Increase in indigenous production of Palm Oil

3005. SHRI D.P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken by Government to step up production of palm oil in India in view of the vast import of this commodity ;

(b) the details of measures being taken to increase growth of palm plantations in India ;

(c) the areas which are receiving emphasis for this crop ; and

(d) the present local availability of the raw material ?