Written Answers

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cooperative loans as it tends to vitiate the climate of 1 covery and undermines the viability of cooperative institutions. However, under the existing cooperative credit structure, there are in-built provisions to convert short-term loans into medium term loans in case of natural calamities.

Reserve Stocks of Pulses

4535. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reserve stock of pulses are adequate to meet the demands; and

(b) if not, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b). Keeping in view the supply-demand gap of pulses, import of pulses is allowed under OGL. Two Government Agencies viz. NAFED and STC had been advised to import some quantity of pulses as a measure to meet the shortfall in the availability. Simultaneously, efforts are continuing to augment the production of pulses to 15-16 million tonnes in 1989-90 through an expansion in the area under pulses and increasing the yields.

Development of Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh

4536. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted proposals for the development of Sanchi, an important tourist centre of Madhya Pradesh, under IDSMT Scheme and Housing scheme for the town to HUDCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). No scheme for development of Sanchi under HDSMT programme has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. However, HUDCO has received one composite housing scheme from Sanchi Special Area Development Authority (SADA). The scheme involves a total project cost of Rs. 114.51 lakhs with HUDCO's loan assistance to the extent of Rs. 88.19 lakhs for 320 units comprising 118 EWS, 90 LIG and 112 MIG units.

Technological Mission on Oilseeds Production

4537. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state how far the States have implemented the objectives of "Technological Mission on Oilseeds Production" to raise oilseeds output in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): The States have cooperated with the Technology Mission on Oilseeds in the National efforts to increase oilseed production. These efforts have received a setback due to adverse monsoons in 1986 and 1987 in the major oilseeds growing areas of the country. However, the area under sunflower and soyabean is reported to have increased significantly during Kharif 1987, as a result of the involvement of the States in the activities of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds.

T.V. Transmitters in Orissa

4538. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-GRAHI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the locations of low and high power transmitters commissioned in Orissa so far;

(b) the total population covered by these transmitters;

(c) whether the percentage of population covered in Orissa is less than the other States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) Government's policy to install more transmitters in Orissa State and in other parts of the country during the remaining period of Seventh Five Year Plan ?