

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of losses suffered by Talcher unit of FCI during the last three years are given below :—

Year	Loss (Rs./crores)
1984-85	20.01
1985-86	42.94
1986-87	39.59

(e) No, Sir.

Agro-based Industries in Orissa

365. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Union Government to encourage agro-based industries in the country;

(b) the financial assistance given by Union Government and nationalised banks to agro-based industries;

(c) whether any financial assistance was given by Union Government or nationalised banks to Orissa Agro-industrial Corporation, if so, the amount advanced during the last two years, year-wise;

(d) whether the Orissa Agro Industrial Corporation is running in losses and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to revive it; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to establish an agro-based unit at Berhampur (Orissa); if so, the cost involved and the manner in which it was financed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Details given in the Statement given below.

(c) (i) The Union Government has

not provided any financial assistance during the last two years.

(ii) The State Government of Orissa has provided Rs. 7.66 lakhs during 1985-86 and Rs. 12.02 lakhs during 1986-87 towards equity of the Corporation.

(iii) The Corporation is availing cash credit facility from the nationalised banks within a prescribed limit of Rs. 275 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Orissa Agro Industrial Corporation is running in losses. The provisional accumulated loss by 31-3-1987 is Rs. 346.63 lakhs. Several steps have been taken to improve the working of the Corporation such as strengthening of equity base, collection of the outstanding dues against different agencies, gearing up the activities to increase the turnover.

(e) Orissa State Agro Industries Corporation has intimated that there is a proposal to establish Agricultural Implements Factory at Berhampur. The Corporation has not worked out the requirement of funds and other details.

Statement

Union Government has taken up several steps to encourage agro-based industries such as :—

The Department of Industrial Development is providing various types of incentives for the promotion of Village and Small Industries which among other things, include agro-based industries such as processing of foodgrains, oil seeds, fibres, fruits and vegetables etc. Financial assistance for capital expenditure and working capital is generally provided by the financial institutions including nationalised banks under priority sector running schemes at concessional rate of interest and on easy terms.

2. National Cooperative Development Corporation is promoting and implementing various schemes to encourage establishment/expansion

of agro-based industries in rural areas in the cooperative sector.

3. Assistance for expansion of agro-industries in the cooperative sector is provided by NCDC under Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes as well as NCDC Sponsored Schemes funds from its own resources. These schemes are as under :—

- (a) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of cooperative, marketing, processing, supplies and storage in the comparatively under-developed/least developed States/U.T.s
- (b) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for participation in the share capital of cooperative sugar factories and spinning mills of cotton growers.
- (c) Central Sector Scheme for assisting (a) cotton ginning and pressing units under the Internationally Aided NCDC-III IDA Project, (b) Oilseed development and processing under NCDC-III IDA assisted project, (c) Mustard seed Development under Internationally assisted EEC project.
- (d) NCDC provides assistance towards equity of large sized processing units like sugar factories and spinning mills so as to enable them to raise term loans from central financing institutions like IFCI and IDBI etc. In the case of small and medium sized agro-processing units like rice mills, dal mills, cotton ginning and processing units, jute baling units, fruits and vegetables processing units etc., NCDC provides them loan assistance while the equity is raised by cooperatives and State Governments.

4. NCDC has so far provided financial assistance of Rs. 1380.825 lakhs to the State Government of Orissa for setting up of 5 new Cooperative Spinning Mills and expansion of one existing mill.

Damage due to heavy rainfall in Sikkim

366. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4353 on 24 August, 1987 regarding damage due to heavy rains in Sikkim and state :

(a) the Central assistance sought by Sikkim Government to meet unexpected damages caused by heavy rains in the state :

(b) the details of assessment made by the central team and the quantum of central assistance recommended by it;

(c) whether only one third amount has been released to State Government against its demand; and

(d) whether damages caused in Sikkim were quite heavy and if so, the reasons for releasing inadequate Central assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) The Government of Sikkim submitted memoranda seeking Central assistance of Rs. 22.37 crores in the wake of heavy rains and landslides. A Central Team visited the state from 19th to 23rd August, 1987 to make an on the spot assessment of the situation. On the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 4.21 crores has been approved. In addition Rs. 0.03 crores for increasing of vegetable production has been released to the State Government.

Telecast of documentary film on Bhanu Bhakta Acharya

367. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4478 on 24 August, 1987 regarding telecast of documentary film on Bhanu Bhakta Acharya and state :