

Modernisation of DSP

6553. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the modernisation programme of the Durgapur Steel Plant preference is proposed to be given to foreign credit offer or to superior technology; and

(b) the reasons in either case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). The work of modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant has been divided into 16 independent turn-key packages, of which 6 are global packages. Limited global tenders have been issued to reputed firms. Against global packages, offers of foreign financial assistance have also been invited. The contract against each package will be awarded for the most suitable offer after completion of the techno-economic evaluation of all the offers received.

Damage to Crops due to Hailstorm

6554. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have estimated

the damage to crops affected by hailstorm in many parts of the country, recently;

(b) if so, the estimated loss in each State; and

(c) the steps taken to provide help to the affected State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). The States of Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir have reported damages due to hailstorm and heavy rains recently. State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) The primary responsibility of execution of relief operation in the wake of natural calamities is of the State Government concerned under the present policy of financing the relief expenditure. The State Governments have margin money at their disposal to take up immediate relief measures. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by extending assistance on receipt of memorandum from the affected States. No State Government has so far sought any Central assistance for carrying out relief measures in the areas affected by hailstorm and heavy rains recently.

Statement

Extent of Damages to Crops due to Hailstorm and Heavy Rains—February-March, 1988 (Provisional) (As Reported by State Governments).

S. No.	State/U.T.	Damage to Crops	
		Area Affected (In lakh ha.)	Value (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Haryana	0.47	1290
2.	Punjab	0.13	104
3.	Orissa	0.06	N.R.
4.	Rajasthan	0.13	401
5.	Uttar Pradesh		Being assessed
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.02	N.R.
Total		0.81	1795

N.R. = Not Reported.