

[*Translation*]

Criteria for Recovery of Farmers Loans

6625. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed different criteria for different States in regard to recovery of loans from the farmers adversely affected by droughts and floods; and

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The criteria for recovery of cooperative loans from farmers affected by drought/flood are the same for all the affected States in the country.

[*English*]

Credit Demand of Orissa for Kharif and Rabi Crops

6626. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the credit demand of Orissa Government to fulfil its requirement for Kharif and Rabi crops and the amount sanctioned by Union Government for the year 1988-89; and

(b) whether Government propose to sanction adequate short term credit to move inputs to the interior for implementation of the special programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The short-term loan is sanctioned to the State Governments, separately for Kharif and Rabi seasons, to help in the purchase and distribution of agricultural inputs *viz.* Fertilisers, Seeds and Pesticides. The State Government of Orissa has intimated the requirement of Rs. 17.75 crores for Kharif 1988 season and Rs. 12.27 crores for Rabi 1988-89 season. The

short-term loan for Kharif, 1988 season will be released to States after the budget is Voted by the Parliament. Due to limited budgetary provision it is not possible to meet the requirement in full of most of the States.

Steps to Assist Fishermen of Orissa

6627. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to assist the fishermen of Orissa who are facing economic problems due to depleted shrimp catches in the last three years; and

(b) whether Government propose to send a study team to Orissa to study ways and means of encouraging the existing fishing fleet ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Shrimp production in the State of Orissa has been increasing in the last three years as indicated below :—

| Year | Shrimp production in tonnes |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 1984-85 | 4586 |
| 1985-86 | 4994 |
| 1985-87 | 5950 |

(b) No, Sir.

Sale of underweight Pure Ghee

6628. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :
CH. RAM PARKASH :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any check on the quality and quantity being supplied by the big business houses selling packed pure ghee which is underweight; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and