

Import of Oilseeds

4043. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the import of oilseeds has been increasing ;

(b) the oilseeds imported in 1984 in terms of quantity, money and the countries imported from ; and

(c) the quantity of oilseeds imported so far this year ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The State Trading Corporation of India, which is the canalising agency for the import of edible oils and oilseeds, have not imported any oilseeds.

[*Translation*]

Loans and Grants to Small Farmers to Increase Irrigation Potential

4044. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced a scheme for giving loans and grants to small and marginal farmers for

mobilising resources in order to increase the irrigation potential ;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of farmers provided with loans and to those who were given grants, under the said scheme ;

(c) the number of farmers in Barabanki District of Uttar Pradesh ; and

(d) if the farmers of Barabanki have not been benefited under the said scheme the reasons therefor with details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports received so far from the State Governments reveal that a total number of about 3.70 lakh farmers have been provided loans and grants for increasing the irrigation potential under the small and marginal farmers' scheme for increasing agricultural production. Statewise number of farmers provided with loans and grants are indicated in the Statement given below.

(c) So far 740 farmers have been benefited in the district of Barabanki under the minor irrigation component of the scheme.

(d) Question does not arise.

Statement

Statement showing the number of farmers received the Loans and Grants for creating irrigation facilities under the centrally sponsored Scheme of assistance to small and marginal farmers for increasing agricultural production

State		Number of farmers benefits
1. Andhra Pradesh	...	14,513
2. Assam	...	N.R.
3. Bihar	...	32,140
4. Gujarat	...	37,046
5. Haryana	...	7,573

State	Number of farmers benefits
6. Himachal Pradesh	...
7. Jammu & Kashmir	...
8. Karnataka	...
9. Kerala	...
10. Madhya Pradesh	...
11. Maharashtra	...
12. Manipur	...
13. Meghalaya	...
14. Nagaland	...
15. Orissa	...
16. Punjab	...
17. Rajasthan	...
18. Sikkim	...
19. Tamil Nadu	...
20. Tripura	...
21. Uttar Pradesh	...
22. West Bengal	...
23. UTs.	...
	Total
	3,69,897

@ Minor irrigations funds being utilised for integrated watershed development works to recharge the groundwater structure.

N.R. = Not reported.

[English]

Reduction in cost of Fertilizers

4045. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to reduce the costs of Fertilizers substantially in order to provide a fillip to agricultural exports ; and

(b) whether fertilizer is one of the most important input in agriculture and if so, in order to achieve any breakthrough in agricultural export, what steps

Government propose to take to ensure that the cultivator gets this input at reasonable prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) There is no proposal, at present, to alter the farmer-prices of fertilisers.

(b) Fertiliser is an important input for increasing the agricultural production. In spite of rise in cost of production of fertiliser, its selling prices have not been revised since June, 1983, and this revision was also a reduction in selling price by 7½%.