

Central Aid to Haryana for Schemes under Ministry of Agriculture

2727. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of financial assistance given to Haryana Government for various schemes under the Ministry of Agriculture during 1980; and

(b) the amount to be given during 1981 (scheme-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The Central assistance is given to the States for various Plan schemes with reference to the financial year and not with reference to calendar year. During the financial year 1980-81 (from 1-4-80) the financial assistance totalling Rs. 23.97 lakhs has so far (upto 28-2-81) been sanctioned to the Government of Haryana for various Plan Schemes under the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) The amount to be given during the financial year 1981-82 will be determined after the financial year starts keeping in view various factors like funds voted by the Parliament, requirements of funds furnished by Haryana Government, progress of Plan Schemes, pace of expenditure thereon and the unspent balance lying with the State Government out of amounts released in earlier years.

Tobacco Cultivation in Haryana

2728. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under Tobacco cultivation in Haryana; and

(b) what special incentives are likely to be made available for Tobacco growers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The total area under tobacco cultivation during 1979-80 was 200 hectares.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to provide special incentives to tobacco growers in the State of Haryana.

Sputing of prices of Foodgrains and Vegetables

2729. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of vegetables and foodgrains have shot up considerably during the last three months; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a sudden increase in price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) As is evident from the figures given below the all India index numbers of wholesale prices of vegetables show a decline of 28.2 per cent in the last 3 months, while in the case of foodgrains the index has risen by 1.5 per cent.

Item	Indices as on week ending		% variation on 21-2-81 over 22-11-80
	22-11-80	21-2-81	
Foodgrains	232.7	236.1	(+)1.5
Vegetables	223.0	160.1	(-)28.2