

so far sanctioned 20 schemes to different primary cooperative societies and 9 schemes to different apex cooperative societies with HUDCO's loan commitment of Rs. 6.33 crores.

(c) The Sixth Plan (1980-85) has increased the equity of HUDCO to Rs. 75 crores from Rs. 25 crores. Including the recoveries of loan, HUDCO would be able to invest Rs. 600 crores in its various housing programmes during the plan, 55% of which will be for the EWS and LIG people.

Technology for Development of Reclamation of Land

3025. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal has developed the technology for reclamation of land ;

(b) the land reclaimed in various States so far ;

(c) the increase in foodgrains production from the reclaimed land in various States ; and

(d) how much land is proposed to be reclaimed during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION : (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far an area of 1.76 lakh hectares of alkali land which was lying barren and giving desolate look has been brought under reclamation and crop production, in the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

In Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh an area of 51000, 71564 54000 hectares respectively has been

covered under the land reclamation programme

(c) No exact statistics is available regarding the increased food production from the reclaimed land but the research experiments so far conducted have indicated that from the reclaimed land on an average of about 5-6 tonnes of rice and wheat grains ha/year can be obtained.

(d) The major programme of land reclamation is being taken up in U.P., Punjab and Haryana States and in the 6th Plan a target of 26000 ha., 1,75,000 ha. and 38000 hectares of land reclamation programme has been proposed.

At present the land reclamation programme is being taken up by the State Departments of Agriculture. For the current year, according to the reported capability of States, it is envisaged to reclaim 8000 and 20,000 hectares of alkali land by Haryana and Uttar Pradesh States respectively.

News items captioned "World Bank Loans for Three states"

3026. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards a news-item appearing in the "Hindu" daily dated 12th May, 1981 under the caption "Word Bank Loans for There States" ;

(b) if so, the amount of loan to be given by the World Bank, the names of States earmarked by the World Bank, the purpose for which the amount so allocated and will be utilised by the States ; and

(c) the time by which the loan is to be returned, the mode of re-pay-