

remained the same during 1960, 1970 and 1980;

(b) what is the estimate of cultivable barren land in 1981, statewide;

(c) what plans have been drawn to bring these lands under cultivation;

(d) how much of cultivable barren land has been distributed to landless agricultural labour, in each State, during the last 5 years; and

(e) whether the State Agricultural Corporations will take over some of the cultivable barren land to establish model Agricultural farms by employing Agricultural labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):
(a) to (e). Information is being collected from States and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as available.

Raising Storage Capacity

132 DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Cooperative Development Corporation (N.C.D.C.) has decided to raise storage capacity with the aid of the World Bank;

(b) if so, the present State-wise storage capacity and the proposed increase during the next three years and the amounts allocated for the same; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that godowns and cold storages are not proposed to be constructed in Mandi level, if so, the number and total

capacity of such godowns in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):
(a) Yes, Sir. The National Cooperative Development Corporation is implementing two projects with the aid of the World Bank. Under these two projects, 15240 rural godowns and 1312 marketing godowns with a total capacity of 30.11 lakh tonnes are to be established in the cooperative sector in eight States by the end of 1985-86.

(b) State-wise information is furnished in the statement attached (Annexure I).

(c) The programme of construction of godowns under the World Bank Project comprises two components i.e., rural godowns and marketing godowns. While rural godowns will be established by the primary agricultural credit societies at the village level, marketing godowns would be established by the primary marketing cooperatives and their federations at mandi level and also at terminal markets. The number and total capacity of such godowns proposed to be constructed during the next three years is shown in the enclosed statement (Annexure II).

As regards cold storages, the second World Bank Project envisages construction of 127 cold storages in the States of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. These will be set up by the cooperatives mainly for the benefit of potato growers and the location of these cold storages will include mandi level centres and terminal markets. The State-wise programme of cold storages to be set up under the project is also given in the statement (Annexure II).

Annexure I

State-wise information showing the present storage capacity, the total capacity to be created with the aid of World Bank, the Storage capacity proposed to be sanctioned during the next three years and the amounts allocated for the same. (In the Cooperative Sector)

(Capacity lakh tonnes)

Project	State	Estab- lished storage capacity as on 30-6-81 (In the Coop. Sector	Storage capacity to be created with the assistance of World Bank		Project cost (Rs. in crores)
			During the entire project period (Capacity)	Proposed to be sanctioned during the next three years Capacity	
NCDC-I/World Bank Project	Haryana	4.64	3.39	0.50	4.00
	Uttar Pradesh	5.83	4.60	0.82	8.56
	Orissa	1.48	2.04	1.47	6.56
	SUB-TOTAL	11.95	10.03	3.14	19.12
NCDC-II/World Bank Project	Andhra Pradesh	2.00	3.25	1.95	18.18
	Bihar	1.47	2.15	1.29	6.59
	Himachal Pradesh	0.82	1.04	0.63	5.85
	Maharashtra	4.51	4.74	2.84	21.30
	Punjab	8.50	8.00	4.80	32.71
	SUB-TOTAL	17.30	19.18	11.51	84.53
GRAND TOTAL		29.25	30.11	14.65	103.75*

*The cost is shared according to a financing pattern between the NCDC, State Governments and the societies. The NCDC's share is of the order of Rs. 77.81 crores including the IDA credit of Rs. 48.76 crores.

Includes storage capacity of 2.61 lakh tonnes created under the NCDC-I/World Bank Project in the three States of Haryana (1.25 lakh tonnes), Uttar Pradesh (1.17 lakh tonnes) and Orissa (0.19 lakh tonnes) during 1979-80 and 1980-81.

Annexure II

State-wise information showing the number and capacity of cooperative godowns proposed to be sanctioned during the next three years and the number of cold storages to be set up in the cooperative sector during the project period

Project	States	Storage capacity proposed to be sanctioned during next three years i.e. 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84		Number of cold storages to be set up under the World Bank Aided Project in the Coop. sector.		
		No. of godowns		Capacity (in lakhs tonnes)	No.	Capacity (in lakh tonnes)
		Rural	Mktg.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NCDC-I & NCDC-II	Haryana	750	..	0.50	7	0.28
	Uttar Pradesh . .	1,232	..	0.82	69	2.76
	Orissa	620	246	1.47	..	..
	Andhra Pradesh . .	1,800	60	1.95	..	..
	Bihar . . . . .	..	90	1.29	17	0.68
	Himachal Pradesh .	660	52	0.63	..	..
	Maharashtra . . .	810	248	2.84	..	..
	Punjab	930	90	4.80	8	0.32
	Madhya Pradesh . .	..	..	..	4	0.16
	West Bengal . . .	..	..	..	22	0.88
	TOTAL	6,802	786	14.65	127	5.08

National Cooperative Development Corporation

133. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation intends to provide remunerative price for the agricultural products; and

(b) whether any scheme is drawn therefor and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI

R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The National Cooperative Development Corporation does not undertake trading activities and hence has no schemes for providing remunerative prices for agricultural products. A major function of the Corporation under the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962 is to plan and promote programmes through cooperatives, for the processing, storage and marketing of agricultural produce. In pursuance of this, the Corporation provides financial assistance mainly through State Governments for these programmes which help the farmers in processing, storage and marketing of their produce.