

Statement—II

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No	Name of the Scheme	Funds sanctioned	
		1982-83	1983-84*
1	Development of Agriculture Grant	2.00	4.00
	(Fish Farmers' Development Agencies) Loan	3.55	
2	Distribution of minikits under FFDA's Grant	2.70	1.35
3	Inland Fisheries Project with World Bank assistance Grant	9.20	15.00
4	Brackish Water Fish Farming Grant	2.00	10.00
5	Construction of fishing jetty at Sabelia (Ramba) Grant	2.07	Not finalised
6	Subsidy to Group Insurance Scheme for active fishermen Grant	1.25	Not finalised
Total Grant		19.22	30.35
		Loan	3.55

* Tentative.

National Commission to suggest food production

3545. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE:

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) steps Government propose to take to meet the demand of food for feeding the population by the end of this century;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a national commission to advise the State

and Central Government for increasing food production; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and if so what will be the nature of the commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) The perspective Plan for the country and Five Year Plans and Annual Plans drawn up by the Planning Commission are aimed at building up the infrastructure and promoting development activities so as to ensure self-sufficiency in foodgrains production both in the near future as also in the long term. The perspective of the rise in food demand by the end of the century is being kept in view.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Problems of agricultural development both in short and long term perspective are being duly taken care of by the Planning Commission as also by the concerned Ministries in the Central Government and the State Governments. Further a National Commission on Agriculture was set up by Government in 1971. This Commission took assistance from a number of specialists and study teams and held detailed consultations with the Central and State Governments and various institutions. The Commission submitted its final report in 1978 wherein it has made various recommendations for the modernisation and development of Indian agriculture keeping in view the requirements of the country by 2000 A.D. and beyond. A number of recommendations of the Commission have been accepted by Government and follow-up action is already being taken. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to set up another National Commission on Agriculture.

White revolution

3546. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much advertised White Revolution has turned out to be a white elephant and made country more dependent than ever before on imported products;

(b) whether it is a fact that success of Anand Pattern as in Amul is almost entirely dependent on use of low priced milk products obtained commercially or as gifts; and

(c) whether it is a fact that only these Dairy Plants using such milk products are making profits and other plants running in losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) The commercial import of skim milk powder was discontinued from

1975-76. The funds generated through sale of gift commodities received from European Economic Community for Operation Flood II Project are being utilised as resources for implementation of the project.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Construction of Houses in the Rural Areas

3547. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated need of houses in the rural areas;

(b) the target fixed for construction of houses in the rural areas in the Sixth Plan;

(c) the details of technical and financial assistance available for building houses in rural areas by individuals and societies;

(d) the monetary provision for the purpose in the Plan;

(e) the names of organisations working in this field; and

(f) the names of Government agencies entrusted with this work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED ARIF)

(a) According to the estimates made by the National Buildings Organisation, housing shortage in rural areas in 1981 was 16.5 million units.

(b) The Sixth Five Year Plan envisages allotment of 6.8 million house-sites and provision of construction assistance to 3.6 million families of rural landless workers, under the House Sites-Cum-Construction Assistance Scheme.

(c) Under the House Sites-cum-Construction Assistance Scheme for