

Reconstitution of ISDC

2415. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the date of reconstitution of the Indian Sugarcane Development Council and its composition ;

(b) how many meetings of the Council were held during last 3 years ending December, 1983 and the nature of recommendations made in these meetings ; and

(c) the present position of allocation of funds to the Council and Centrally sponsored Scheme for cane development in Andhra Pradesh for the year 1983-84 ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) :

(a) The question of reconstitution of the Indian Sugarcane Development Council is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The allocation of funds for the working of the Indian Sugarcane Development Council is made in the Budget of Secretariat and provides necessary assistance.

There is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sugarcane Development in Andhra Pradesh.

Suggestion to improve level of Hockey

2416. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to have more astro turfs in the country;

(b) whether measures were suggested by the President of the Indian Hockey

Federation to improve the quality and level of the Indian Hockey : and

(c) the action taken by Government and steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Sports being a State subject, efforts of State Governments and other concerned authorities to instal Astro turf hockey fields in the country will be welcomed by the Government.

(b) and (c) The hockey coaching plan proposed by the Indian Hockey Federation, as approved, is being implemented since March, 1983. Requisite financial support is being provided by Government for fulfilment of the plan.

Grants from EEC for Rural Development

2417. SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India will receive grants from European community for rural development and irrigation projects during the next financial year;

(b) if so, the total amount to be received :

(c) the development projects that will be undertaken under the scheme ; and

(d) the States where these projects will be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA) : (a) to (c) It has been indicated by our Mission in Brussels that the EEC has decided to extend a grant for financing two projects, namely :—