

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) to (c). Necessary information is being collected and on collection and compilation will be laid on the Table of the House.

Finance from International Development Association for Minor-Irrigation farm Mechanisation and Land Levelling

3589. **SHRI M. M. HASHIM :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Development Association (IDA) have agreed to finance investment in minor irrigation, farm mechanisation and land levelling projects in various regions of the country;

(b) if so, the rate of interest to be charged by the International Development Association and the period of repayment of loans;

(c) whether the International Development Association loans cover the entire cost of these projects, if not, what are the other sources;

(d) the criterion for selecting the above regions or projects; and

(e) whether such benefits will be made available also in other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes Sir. IDA have agreed to finance investment in minor irrigation, farm mechanisation, land levelling and drainage projects in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Harayana and Tamil Nadu. In Punjab, a credit project for mechanisation has also been approved by the World Bank. Projects for Maharashtra and Mysore are ready for negotiations.

(b) IDA charges no interest. There is only a service charge of 3/4%. The repayment period is 50 years including a grace period of 10 years.

(c) "No Sir. In addition to the beneficiaries who make down payments in varying proportions depending on the purpose, the other sources are : Institutional agencies like Co-operative Mortgage Banks, Commercial Banks, Agricultural Refinance Corporation and the State and the Central Governments.

(d) and (e). No criteria are laid down in advance but experience of the appraisals on projects by the IDA teams has shown that questions like cost benefit ratio economic advantages, feasibility, agencies for credit and recoveries of loans, capacity of the implementing machinery etc., weigh with the IDA. Proposals received from the State Governments are examined by the Government of India in consultation with the concerned authorities after which initial proposals are made to the IDA.

Projects under Minor Irrigation Scheme in Manipur

3590. **SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects under the Minor Irrigation Scheme taken up in Manipur during the last three years;

(b) the number of acres likely to be benefited by these projects; and

(c) the amount spent or being spent project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) 23 minor irrigation schemes have also been taken up in Manipur during the years 1969-70 and