

Productivity of Land and Income of Farmers in Intensive Agricultural District Programme

1220. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of increase or decrease in the productivity of land in each of the Intensive Agricultural District Programme year-wise during the last three years ; and

(b) the extent of rise or fall of the *per capita* earnings of agricultural labourers and other sections of the farmers in the Intensive Agricultural District Programme during the same periods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Statement I showing the percentage increases or decreases in the yields per hectare of principal crops in the different I. A. D. P., Districts during the three years 1967-68 to 1969-70, as compared to the pre-Package period, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-300/71]

(b) Information regarding the extent of rise or fall in the *per capita* earnings of agricultural labourers and other sections of the farmers in the I. A. D. P. Districts is not available. However, Statement II showing the rates of daily agricultural wages at selected Centres in some of the I. A. D. P. Districts is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-300/71]

Expenditure incurred on Advertisements by Hindustan Steel Limited

1221. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred on advertisements by Hindustan Steel Limited between 1968-69 and 1970-71 ;

(b) the total investment as on the 31st March, 1971 ; and

(c) the total accumulated loss as on the 31st March, 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) :

(a) the total expenditure incurred on advertisements by Hindustan Steel Limited during the years 1968-69 to 1970-71 was as under :—

1968-69	Rs. 14.18	Lakhs
1969-70	Rs. 16.78	"
1970-71	Rs. 28.36	(provisional)

(b) the total investment based on Government funds, as on 31-3-1971, was Rs. 1025.98 crores (Equity Rs. 557.0 crores and outstanding Capital Loans Rs. 468.98 crores).

(c) the total accumulated loss as on 31-3-1970 was Rs. 172.83 crores. The accounts for the year 1970-71 have yet to be finalised.

Payment of Sugarcane arrears in U. P., Bihar and Tamil Nadu

1222. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether effective steps have been taken to ensure early payment of sugarcane price arrears to the cane growers in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu ;

(b) whether the question has been taken up with the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the action taken by those Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government of India have asked the State Governments to