

(c) whether Government propose to raise the scale of pay of Sales Assistants in D.M.S.; and

(d) if not, the reason for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. The post of Sales Assistant does not carry responsibilities higher than the responsibilities attached to the post of Mates. Sales Assistants are not required to handle cash.

(b) to (d). The scales of pay for both categories are identical. Educational qualifications as prescribed in the recruitment rules are the same. Sales Assistants work in All Day Milk Stalls where their duties involve assisting the Managers of the Stalls and Counter service. The duties of many mates in the Delhi Milk Scheme are more difficult and arduous than those of Sales Assistants. There is, therefore, no proposal to revise the pay scale of Sales Assistants and make it higher than that of Mates.

**Small Farmers Development Agency Projects in Eastern Madhya Pradesh**

6906. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Districts from the Eastern Region of Madhya Pradesh like Rewa, Sidhi were also given consideration under small farmers development agency ;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost of these projects during Fourth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) the number of projects out of them sanctioned in the second half of 1970-71 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) The districts selected in Madhya Pradesh under Small Farmers Development Agency scheme are (i) Chhindwara (ii) Ratlam-Ujjain (iii) Bilaspur and under Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Agency are (i) Durg and (ii) Raichur. Rewa and Sidhi have not been included. The districts were selected on the basis of the recommendations of the State Government.

(b) A sum of Rs. 1.5 crores for each SFDA and a sum of Rs one crore to each MFAL agency is expected to be released by the Central Government during the Fourth Plan period ;

(c) The two MFAL projects of Durg and Sehore-Raisen were sanctioned in November, 1970, i.e., the latter half of the financial year 1970-71.

**Loan Disbursed to small Farmers in Madhya Pradesh**

6907. SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money disbursed during the year 1970-71, short, medium and long, among the identified small farmers in Madhya Pradesh, District-wise ; and

(b) how far this loan has helped the beneficiaries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) According to the Progress Reports received from the agencies, the loans disbursed to small farmers in Small Farmers Development Agency Projects, of Madhya Pradesh, up to 30th June, 1972 are given below .

S.F.D.A.	Rs. in lakhs		
	Short-term	Medium-term	Long-term
1. Bilaspur	21.91	2.55	5.62
2. Chhindwara	16.03	2.77	3.94
3. Ratlam-Ujjain	32.74	NA	6.03

M.F.A.L. Agencies, Durg and Raisen-Sehore, were registered only on 3.2.1971 and 5.3.1971. respectively and were engaged only in preliminary work such as identification of participants, during the year ending 30th June, 1971 ; and