

**Linking of Cooperative Credit with Co-operative Marketing Societies**

2162. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Marketing Federation have completed the study of the operation of the scheme of linking of cooperative credit with cooperative marketing in any particular district of the State ;

(b) the action taken by the National Cooperative Development Cooperation on the report of the Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Federation ; and

(c) the reasons for conducting such a study ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : (a) Only Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Federation has completed a sample study of the operation of the scheme of linking of cooperative credit with marketing in two Talukas of Calicut and Palghat Districts.

(b) The comments of the Government of Kerala have been invited on receipt of which further action will be taken by the N.C.D.C.

(c) A sample study of the working of Cooperative Marketing Societies, with particular reference of the progress in the implementation of the scheme of linking of cooperative credit with cooperative marketing in Ajmer District of Rajasthan, conducted by the Jodhpur University, revealed certain shortcomings in the operation of the scheme. This prompted the N. C. D. C. to suggest to all State Cooperative Marketing Federations to undertake similar studies in one of the districts in their respective States, with a view to identifying and remedying the shortcomings of the scheme.

**Financial Assistance to Rice Mills for Modernisation**

2163. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise break-up of 48 existing conventional rice mills which had been given financial assistance for modernisation ;

(b) how many of them have been modernised so far ; and

(c) the action taken to find solution to the

problems relating to the organisation, establishment, financing and working of these rice mills which were discussed in the All India Conference on Cooperative Rice Mills held at Hyderabad in November, 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Ten.

(c) The recommendations of the Conference held at Hyderabad were communicated to the State Governments and the apex cooperative marketing Federations, who have to initiate necessary action in the matter. The N. C. D. C. provides 75% of the block capital requirements for establishment of modern rice mills in the cooperative sector, under a Central Sector Scheme. It is also providing assistance for the margin money requirements of the rice mills to enable them to raise adequate working capital from the scheduled/commercial banks which have been advised by the Reserve Bank of India to liberally provide such assistance to modern rice mills in the cooperative sector.

A special Working Group was constituted to go into the difficulties faced by the cooperative rice mills. As recommended by the Group, the State Governments and the F. C. I. have been advised to utilise cooperative rice mills to the maximum extent possible for the milling of paddy and also to increasingly utilise the cooperatives in their procurement operations. Arrangements have also been made with the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, to conduct suitable courses for training senior technical personnel of cooperative rice mills. Besides, rice mill machinery manufacturers have been requested to provide efficient after-sales service and they have agreed to do so.

Name of the State	No. of rice mills which were assisted for modernisation
1. Andhra Pradesh	1
2. Assam	4
3. Bihar	5
4. Madhya Pradesh	10
5. Orissa	17
6. West Bengal	6
7. Mysore	5
Total	48