

cotton in the domestic market are being implemented within the credit facilities available to the Corporation.

(b) Government is watching the cotton market situation with particular reference to the price levels obtaining for cotton. The need for taking special remedial steps has not arisen so far.

Advancing of Loans by Nationalised Banks to Farmers for Setting up of Gobar Gas Plants

7376. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

SHRI SHANKER DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the nationalised banks which have started advancing loans to the farmers for setting up Cow Dung gas plants; and

(b) if so, the number of persons given loans for the purpose so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) All the nationalised banks have recently decided to finance the programme of setting up of gobar gas plants.

(b) Banks do not maintain separate data on advances for this purpose. Such advances would, however, figure under advances to the agricultural sector. According to information specially collected from the banks, 5 of the nationalised banks are reported to have taken action to sanction loans for setting up of gobar gas plants. A statement indicating the progress of sanction of loans is enclosed.

Statement

Central Bank of India Limit of Rs. 10 lakhs sanctioned for financing 500 beneficiaries Individual proposals not yet received.

Bank of India Kolhapur branch received 6 proposals which are being processed.

Canara Bank Out of 35 proposals received, the Bank has sanctioned 22 for Rs. 41000.

Dena Bank Sanctioned a scheme of cow dung plant with outlay of Rs. 28 lakhs for financing 1000 plants in Gujarat.

Syndicate Bank 55 loans for Rs. 1, 20, 000 have been sanctioned.

Short Fall in Nylon Yarn Output

7377. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortfall in the nylon yarn output; and

(b) if so, to what extent, and the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) The production of nylon yarn during the last 3 years is given below:—

	Nylon textile yarn	Nylon tyre yarn
1971 . .	9,840	610
1972 . .	11,712	2,090
1973 . .	11,350	2,188

There is thus no appreciable fall in nylon yarn output.

(b) Does not arise.

Experiments in Artificial Rain

7379. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to obtain more rains, cloud seeding experiments, particularly using sophisticated techniques like dynamical cloud seeding have been made or are being planned;