## Centrally Sponsored Scheme

- \*153. SHRI ANUP LAL YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the amount spent during the Eighth Five Year Plan under the various Centrally sponsored schemes separately for increasing agricultural produce in each State of North-Eastern region;
- (b) whether the farmers were benefited from these schemes in each State; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) A Statement indicating the amount released to North Eastern States including Sikkim under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan is attached.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes are aimed at raising agricultural production through enhanced use of imporved techniques of production, and as most of these schemes are area/crop specific and subsidy oriented, the farmers are benefited.

## Statement -

Releases of Funds for the Development of Agriculture in the North Eastern States under various Central/Centrally
Sponsored Schemes during the Eighth Plan

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	116.60	174.31	316.21	472.85	221.08	1301.05
2.	Assam	882.12	839.90	1251.67	861.00	1054.31	4889.00
3.	Manipur	159.98	116.82	583.46	1033.77	1228.69	3122.72
4.	Meghalaya	102.69	208.95	254.99	159.59	442.29	1168.51
5.	Mizoram	128.63	537.77	724.94	501.07	515.54	2407.95
6.	Nagaland	95.89	407.52	774.62	737.61	786.50	2802.14
7.	Sikkim	399.89	425.69	384.81	424.90	314.72	1950.01
8.	Tripura	156.55	250.61	307.16	308.31	379.39	1402.02
	Total	2042.35	2961.57	4597.86	4499.10	4942.52	19043.40

## Installation of STD/PCO in Rajasthan

- \*154 SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: WIII the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of STD/PCD installed in each State during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the criteria adopted for sanctioning them: and
- (c) the target fixed for each State during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The number of STD/ PCOs installed during the last three years is given in the attached statement-I.

(b) STD/PCOs are allotted to educated unemployed persons having minimum qualifications of 10th pass for urban

areas and 8th pass in rural areas. These are allotted on seniority basis by STD/PCO allotment committee (constituted one for each Secondary Switching Area (SSA) comprising two official members and one representative each of sitting Members of Parliament from the SSA. Preference is given to the following categories of persons:

- 1. Handicapped including blind persons.
- 2. SC/ST Applicants.
- 3. Ex-Servicemen & War Widows.
- 4. Retired DoT employees or their dependents.
- 5. Dependents of Freedom Fighters.
- 6. Charitable Institutions/Hospitals.
- (c) Targets for STD/PCOs are fixed on yearly basis. Target for 1998-99 is given in the attached statement-II: