

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6908
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INTEREST FREE LOAN
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have received any request from Maharashtra Government for sanction of interest free loan to cooperative banks in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): A proposal for financial assistance of Rs.348.29 crore has been received from the Maharashtra Government to cleanse the balance sheet of cooperative banks so as to increase their borrowing capacity.

(c): A decision regarding cleansing of balance sheet of cooperative banks would be taken after the High Level Task Force constituted to study the functioning of cooperative credit institutions and suggest a package for their revival/restructuring submits its Report.