

Sl. No	Name of the NGO	Amount Released
17.	Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Kasturbagram.	30,125/-
18.	Lok Biradari, 6-A, Sneh Nagar, Indore.	44,100/-
19.	Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narainpur Bastar.	18,675/-
20.	Resource Development Institute Hitkatni Nagar, Bhopal.	59,400/-
21.	Sewa Kendra, Panigaon, Dhar Road, Indore.	45,700/-
22.	Sambhav Social Service Organisation, 19, New Vivekanand Colony, Gwalior.	45,650/-
23.	Tarun Sanskar, 1784, Indra Market. Ranji, Jabalpur.	47,100/-
24.	Ujjani Senior Citizen Forum, 37, Durga Niwas, Koti Road, Madhav Nagar, Ujjain.	1,02,340/-
25.	Medical Councilling Centre, 13-14, Pancheel Nagar Bhopal-462003.	30,000/-

List of NGOs provided financial assistance during 1997-98 in the State of Madhya Pradesh

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1.	Shanti Gramin Sewa Evam Kalyan Samiti, Datia, M.P.	Rs. 46,585/-
2.	Late Shri Gendalal Samaj Kalyan Sansthan, Morena, M.P.	Rs. 1,09,235/-
3.	Aradhana Gramin Seva Samiti, Morena, M.P.	Rs. 2,06,775/-
4.	Suman Shiksha Evam Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Gwalior, M.P.	Rs. 1,48,330/-
5.	Shri Ram Kishori Mahila Vikas Avam Samaj Kalyan Mandal, Morena, M.P.	Rs. 2,06,175/-
6.	Society for Social Development, Gwalior, M.P.	Rs. 2,06,775/-
7.	Tarun Sanskar, 1784, Indra Market Ranji, Jabalpur.	Rs. 80,225/-

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1.	Society for Rural Development M-1309, New Darpan Colony, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 1,91,480/-
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[Translation]

Price of Fertilizers

3986. SHRIMATI JAYABEN BHARATKUMAR THAKKAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased support price of fertilizers recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the price of fertilizers in retail shops in open market and the price sold through Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the extent of adverse affects of the increase; and

(e) the reasons to increase the price of fertilizers constantly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL) : (a) to (e) There is no support price of fertilizers. However, urea is sold to farmers at a controlled price. The current price of urea is Rs. 3660/- per tonne, which is the same as that prevailing from 21.2.1997 till 1.6.1998. The price is Rs. 3.66 per kilogram of Rs. 183 per bag of 50 kilogram plus State sales tax, if any.

Similarly, certain phosphatic and potassic fertilizers are also available to farmers at an indicated price as Government of India subsidizes the cost. This indicative price has not been changed since 1.4.97.

[English]

Co-operative Sugar Mills, Maharashtra

3987. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Co-operative sugar mills in Maharashtra are in critical financial condition;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of sugar mills in the State lying sick and closed during the last two years and till March, 1998; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to re-start the closed and sick sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) The Government of India does not maintain profit and loss account in respect of sugar mills. As per the information received from the State of

Maharashtra, some of the cooperative sugar, mills in Maharashtra are in critical condition.

(b) The major reason for sick sugar units in Maharashtra is non availability of sufficient cane due to draught conditions, non availability of adequate water, some administrative deficiencies in some cooperative mills, etc.

(c) As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, the number of closed sugar mills during the last two years are as under:

Year	Number of closed units
1996-97	10
1997-98	24

As per information received from Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), there are three cases registered as sick sugar mills from the State of Maharashtra and no sick sugar mills have been registered from the state during the last two years.

(d) Government of Maharashtra had appointed a Committee under the Chalmanship of Shri Shivajirao Patil, M.P., to study the problems of sick factories and suggest remedial measures for their rehabilitation.

Government of Maharashtra is assisting Sahakari Sakhar Karkhanas for rehabilitation of sick and financially weak units in availing soft loans or rehabilitations loans. The State Government also considers proposals for rescheduling of loans taking into consideration the financial position of sick units.

Sick sugar mills have themselves to prepare schemes for rehabilitation/re-starting and get these approved by the Financial Institutions. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rate of interest for such rehabilitation schemes, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in SDF Rules.

Voluntary Organisations

3988. SHRI M. RAJIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided funds to the Voluntary Organisations for conducting Research on Handicapped children during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 1997-98 a project entitled 'Status Study of the Disabled Children and Intervention Strategies to meet their need in General Education system' has been sanctioned to Centre for Education and Rehabilitation of the Disabled New Delhi for a period of one year.

Neelam Oil Fields

3989. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is losing \$ 1 million a day because of its inability to stem a decline in crude oil production;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a steep shortfall in the production;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to handover the Neelam Oil Field to foreign companies on the pattern of handing over Ravva, Panna and Mukta Oil Fields; and

(d) if so, the decision proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) The production from Neelam oil field has not been as per original predictions. The production has declined from a level of 90,000 BOPD in April 1995 to around 37,000 BOPD at present due to the following reasons:

(1) Change in geological model and reduction in initial oil in place have been noticed on evaluation of results of development drilling.

(2) Pre-mature break through of water and high gas oil ratios in some of the wells.

(c) and (d) The policy in regard to private participation for development of discovered fields is under consideration of Government.

Releasing of Funds

3990. SHRI PADMA NAVA BEHERA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds released by the Government for Balignda, ITDA the district of Kandhamala of Orissa are not being utilised properly over the years; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make a thorough inquiry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Central Government releases the funds under the Central Sector/Centrally