

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have taken up with Bangladesh Government the influx of refugees, mainly Chakmas and the others into India. During the recent visit of the External Affairs Minister to Bangladesh from 16-18 February, 1990, the matter was discussed and the Bangladesh Government agreed to send a delegation to the Chakma refugee camps in Tripura to persuade the refugees to return to their homes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

[*Translation*]

#### Losses in National Seeds Corporation

7220. SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Seeds Corporation is running in loss;

(b) if so, the amount of losses suffered by it during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of loss suffered by the Corporation during the last three years is given below:

<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Net profit (+) Net loss (-)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1986-87	(-) 440.48

<i>Year</i>	<i>Net profit (+) Net loss (-)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1987-88	(-) 190.50
1988-89	(-) 289.83

(c) Main reasons for losses, are as under:—

- (i) Increase in input prices and procurement prices paid to the seed growers without corresponding increase in the sale price of seed.
- (ii) Increase in fixed overhead expenses on account of general price rise and payment of D.A. and interim relief to employees of the Corporation.
- (iii) Heavy interest burden.
- (iv) Under utilisation of infrastructural facilities created under National Seeds Project Phase-I and II due to cut-back in production.
- (v) Loss on account of accumulated carry-over stocks.

[*English*]

#### Financial Viability of NDDB

7221. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: SHRIK. MANVENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDDB uses the imported dairy commodities as a hidden subsidy for financially unviable Operations;