

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>No. of villages with telephones</i>
1	2	3
25.	Sindhudurg	90
26.	Sholapur	174
27.	Thane	100
28	Wardha	86
29	Yeotmal	127
Total		3240

Criteria for Identification of Farmers below Poverty Line

8131. SHRIHARISHANKARMAHALE
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the size of land holding below which a farmer is considered to be below the poverty line;

(b) the criteria adopted in this regard.

(c) whether the quality of land is also taken into account for this purpose. and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) to (d). Poverty line is assessed on the basis of information collected by National Sample Survey on Household consumption Expenditure For the Seventh Plan, the cut-off income of around Rs. 6,400 per family per

year has been taken as the poverty line level for rural areas

[English]

Funds to Karnataka for Sub Markets

8132. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance given to Karnataka for constructing sub-markets during 1989-90;

(b) the number of sub-market buildings taken up for construction in Karnataka, district-wise;

(c) the amount released for the building of these sub-markets, district-wise;

(d) the amount required to complete these sub-market building; and

(e) the time by which these buildings are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (c). There is no central assistance scheme for construction of sub-markets. However, in the year 1989-90, central assis-

tance amounting to Rs. 52 lakhs has been given to the State for the development of 13 Rural Primary Markets.

Districtwise break-up and amount of central assistance released is given below:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the District</i>	<i>Number of Primary Market/sub-market</i>	<i>Amount of central assistance released (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Bijapur	4	16.00
2.	Mandya	3	12.00
3.	Raichur	2	8.00
4.	Dakshina Kannada	2	8.00
5.	Belgaum	1	4.00
6.	Chitradurga	1	4.00

(d) An amount of Rs. 112.69 lakhs is required to complete the construction work as proposed by the State Government

(e) The information is being ascertained. The construction is expected to be completed within a year of release of the funds. Their utilisation certificates are awaited.

Development of Huskless Barley Karan-15

8133. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether our scientists have evolved semi-dwarf high yielding varieties of Huskless

and hulled barley at Karnal based Indian Council of Agricultural Research Centre designated by 'Karan' series which are in great demand in India and abroad;

(b) if so, the details of characteristics and performance of Karan-15;

(c) whether other countries and institutions abroad have shown interest and imported or intend to import barley seed from Karnal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to encourage our scientists to strengthen huskless/hulled barley research at Karnal