

- i) The delegation to Czechoslovakia comprised of five writers and included two Hindi writers.
- ii) The delegation to China comprised a total of seven writers (sent in two parts in June, 1989 and December, 1989) and included two Hindi writers.
- iii) The delegation to Bangladesh comprised of two writers and did not include any Hindi writer.

[*English*]

Foreign Loan for Watershed Project

6655. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Development Association and World Bank have sanctioned loan for watershed project in the country;

(b) the amount of loan applied, loan sanctioned and the terms and conditions settled with each of the above organisation, separately; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be launched, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):
(a) Yes, Sir. The International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) have recently sanctioned credit and loan for Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills).

(b) .A credit of US\$ 56.8 million and a loan of US\$ 13.0 million have been negotiated and sanctioned. The terms and conditions for credit and loan are given below:

i) *The terms and conditions of credit*

from IDA

The credit is repayable in half yearly instalments over a period of 35 years with a grace period of 10 year.

A commitment charge on the principal amount of the credit not withdrawn from time to time at a rate to be set by IDA as of June 30 of each year, but not to exceed the rate of one half of one per cent per annum.

A service charge of three-fourths of one per cent per annum on the principal amount of the credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time is also payable.

ii) *Terms and condition of loan sanctioned by IBRD*

The loan is repayable in half yearly instalments over a period of 20 years with 5 years grace period.

A commitment charge at a rate of three-fourths of one per cent per annum on the principal amount of the loan not withdrawn from time to time; and

Interest at a rate of one-half per cent per annum on banks' qualified borrowings is also payable.

(c) The project is likely to be launched shortly in the states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

Diversion of Funds Meant for Earthquake Victims

6656. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds sanctioned by Union Government to Himachal Pradesh Government for relief to the victims of the earthquake that rocked Kangra in April, 1986 were diverted by the State Government for other purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and