

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision on the French offer of production facilities for indigenous manufacture of Mirage-2000 aircraft;

(b) whether the Air Force team will evaluate the Soviet Mig-29 fighter aircraft before taking any final decision on the French offer ; and

(c) to what extent Mirage-2000 aircraft will be better than the other aircrafts for defence purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) A decision on the option secured from the French manufacturers for indigenous manufacture of Mirage-2000 aircraft will be taken in due course after examining all available alternatives.

(c) It is difficult to compare different categories of aircraft since each has its own

advantages and disadvantages. Government chooses that which suits their defence needs best.

Loans Advnced by Nationalised Bank to Agriculturists

***12. SHRI AJAY BISWAS :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) the total amount of loans advanced by nationalised banks to agriculturists in 1981-82 and 1982-83, State-wise ;

(b) whether Governmet have sponsored schemes for small farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI) : (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The total amount of Public Sector Banks Advances to Agriculture (Statewise) is as follows :

Public Sector Bank's Advances to Agriculture-Statewise amount outstanding on the last Friday of (Amt. in Rs. lakhs)

State/Union Territory	December, 1981 Agriculture		December, 1982 Agriculture	
	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
1	2	3	4	5
I. Northern Region	68595.40	22135.28	79060.81	25108.51
1. Haryana	16359.84	1990.03	19103.71	2535.27
2. Himachal Pradesh	1471.66	671.50	1899.37	897.44
3. Jammu & Kashmir	794.33	268.98	857.92	306.82
4. Punjab	32456.21	5189.71	36150.57	5787.56
5. Rajasthan	13267.04	3875.81	15929.95	4891.49
6. Chandigarh	3103.02	7379.82	3747.43	8583.06
7. Delhi	1143.30	2759.43	1371.86	2106.87

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II North-Eastern Region

1. Assam	1658.26	943.32	2263.79	1233.01
2. Meghalaya	910.88	783.96	1310.55	1011.48
3. Manipur	187.64	6.51	221.67	10.20
4. Nagaland	80.45	51.69	90.92	68.99
5. Sikkim	105.39	7.67	155.02	38.79
6. Tripura	—	—	18.00	—
7. Arunachal Pradesh	332.04	93.49	425.95	103.55
8. Mizoram	17.35	—	21.13	—
	24.51	—	20.55	—

III. Eastern Region

1. Bihar	34154.14	16071.53	40234.25	17320.85
2. Orissa	14147.16	8532.06	16157.53	9690.23
3. West Bengal	6779.50	3575.44	9352.90	2911.31
4. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13211.08	3922.26	14700.88	4652.62
	16.40	41.77	22.94	66.69

IV. Central Region

1. Madhya Pradesh	58169.18	21657.64	66673.37	22978.23
2. Uttar Pradesh	17902.27	5631.12	20507.17	5788.12
	40266.91	16026.52	46166.20	17190.11

	1	2	3	4	5
V. Western Region					
1. Gujrat	52460.92	18636.32	57334.03	22446.76	
2. Maharashtra	19574.21	7716.66	20859.71	10890.83	
3. Goa, Daman & Diu	31593.91	10815.01	35025.72	11530.51	
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1285.80	104.65	1440.60	25.42	
	7.00	—	8.00	—	
VI. Southern Region					
1. Andhra Pradesh	134546.67	23163.27	149857.03	26001.80	
2. Karnataka	51074.99	7826.49	57601.29	9919.86	
3. Kerala	28233.74	6746.95	32518.24	6763.07	
4. Tamil Nadu	17026.97	1164.55	18196.97	1263.98	
5. Pondicherry	36984.60	7393.37	40052.53	8022.20	
6. Lakshadweep	1223.38	31.91	1483.83	32.69	
	2.99	—	4.17	—	
Grand Total	349584.57	102607.36	395423.28	115089.16	

NOTE : Data is provisional .

(b) and (c) The earlier Small Farmers' Development Agency Scheme was merged with the Integrated Rural Development Programme and a new agency for implementation of the Programme viz. District Rural Development Agency was set up with effect from October, 1980. The emphasis in this Programme was on covering the poorest or the poor on the basis of which 600 families per block per year were required to be covered during the sixth Plan Period. The achievements so far made under this Programme are as under :

Year	Term credit Mobilised (Rs. crores)	Number of beneficiaries (In lakhs)
1980-81	289.05	27.26
1981-82	467.59	27.13
1982-83	713.98	34.55

(Figures are provisional)

- (i) Subsidy to the extent of 50% on IRD Pattern on Minor Irrigation including wells and pump sets etc. to small and marginal farmers.
- (ii) Subsidy to the extent of 50% on IRD pattern for plantation of fuel and fruit trees on the holdings of the small and marginal farmers.
- (ii) Lump-sum allocation for free distribution of minikits of seeds and fertilisers for oilseeds and pulses, land development and cost of staff.

Rs. 3.50 lakh

Rs. 0.50 lakh

Rs. 1.00 lakh

Rs. 5.00 lakhs

Banks have also been advised to provide adequate credit support to this programme. It is envisaged that the term credit required to be mobilised through banks would be of the order of Rs. 400 crores to Rs. 500 crores.

U. S. Planes to use Pakistani Airfields

*13. SHRI K. PRADHANI :

SHRI DIGAMBER SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

Under this Programme separate figures for small and marginal farmers are not available because the data reporting system does not yield information separately for this category of beneficiaries. However with a view to bring about more benefits for this category of beneficiaries a special scheme has been taken up to ensure that they obtain requisite inputs, particularly, fertilizers, seeds, etc. and also get the benefit from minor irrigation and land development programmes. A subsidy outlay of Rs. 250 crores to be shared between Central and State Governments during 1983-84 for assisting the small and marginal farmers in all the blocks in the country has been made. In the case of Union Territories the entire provision is being made by the Governments of India.

A subsidy outlay of Rs. 5 lakhs per block has been visualised under the scheme with following break-up :

(a) whether Government have seen press reports that the Pakistan President has promised to allow US planes to use Pakistani airfields and in return, in addition to the 3.2 billion in aid already announced, the USA will share intelligence information with Pakistan and train Presidential bodyguards ;

(b) whether the Pakistan President is reported to have sought a guarantee from the United States for the security of his country ;