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Indian Red Cross Society

Supplies allocated by headquarters to various State Branches for East Bengal refugee relief

	Assam	Tripura	West Bengal
1 Milkpowder	22,500 kgs	10,200 kgs	15,800 kgs
2 Baby milkpowder	516 kgs	276 kgs	312 kgs.
3 Ovomaltine	300 kgs	—	—
4 Clothes, cotton/woollen	3,500	8,600	6,500
5 Woollen pullovers	6,770	1,690	—
6 Sarees and dhoties, cotton	—	1,115	5,250
7 Blankets, woollen	200	160	—
8 Khes, cotton	300	1,200	—
9 Footwears, pairs	—	200	—
10 Penicillin, vials	1,000	915	11,715
11 Serums/vaccine, amp	—	—	3,436
12 Medicaments, assorted, tabs/ tubes/vials/capsules etc	122,000	20,400	150,000
13 Vitamins and Medicaments	—	129 cartons	—
14 Dressings, rolls	—	2,400	—
15 Cotton wool, surgical	—	200 pkts	1,008 pkts
16 Tents	100	100	45
Approximate value Rs	2,23,450	5,12,275	1,44,750

World Bank Loan for special Land Development Scheme in Tamil Nadu

*260 SHRI P GANGADEB Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to extend a loan of Rs 33 26 crores for special land development schemes in Tamil Nadu,

(b) if so, whether the representatives of the State, Central Government and the

Agricultural Refinance Corporation have visited Washington to finalise the terms and conditions, and

(c) When the work is likely to start on the Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNA SAHEB P SHINDE) (a) On the basis of the negotiations held with the World Bank from 25th April to 3rd May, 1971, the IDA have agreed

to lend the equivalent of \$ 35 million (Rs. 26.25 crores) for the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Credit Project. A statement regarding the details of the project is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) The Indian Team for negotiation consisted of the representatives of the Government of India, State Government of Tamil Nadu and Agricultural Refinance Corporation.

(c) This will be known only after the agreement is signed.

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The project is a two and a half year programme to finance farmer's investments in minor irrigation, land levelling, land drainage and improvement and farm mechanisation through Primary Banks and Participating Commercial Banks. It relates to some talukas of Thanjavur (North) district, Tiruchirappalli, South Arcot district for 7000 filter points, 3,800 shallow tubewells, 700 medium tubewells and 4000 electric pumpsets. Dugwell development has to take place in districts of Chingleput Dharmapuri, North Arcot and Salem. The total investment for the new dugwells and improvement and energising of existing dugwells is not to exceed Rs. 125 million. The other component of the Projects is the import of about 1500 tractors and their initial spare parts in amount equal to 16 per cent of the G. I. F. cost of tractors.

Category wise allocation of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the I.D.A. credit is given below.-

Category	Amount in dollars in million
(i) Loans for minor irrigation	22.70
(ii) Loans for land levelling	1.50
(iii) Loans for drainage	0.60

(iv) Tractors and initial spare parts	5,00
(v) Wall drilling equipment and earth moving machinery	2,70
(vi) Consultancy Services (Ground-water Directorate Aerial Survey)	2,50
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Total	Rs. 26.25 Crores

The project is part of a lending programme for agricultural development in Tamil Nadu.

The project is likely to be signed in the first week of June.

American aid to East Pak. Refugees

*261 SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any consultation has taken place between India and the United States over the American aid to refugees from East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the assistance expected from the United States in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The Government of India have approached various foreign Governments including that of the United States of America for aid for providing that relief to East Bengal refugees.

(b) The United States Government have so far pledged \$ 2.5 million for this purpose.