

These applications are under active consideration and a decision is expected soon.

1968-69 for the State Plan Minor Irrigation schemes :

#### Decontrol of Sugar

\*1470. SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of marked increase in sugar production during the current year, Government propose to scrap the sugar control ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :

(a) and (b). The present policy of partial decontrol of sugar has enabled the sugar factories to pay higher prices for sugarcane than the minimum prescribed by the Government and enabled the domestic consumers to meet a reasonable part of their needs at controlled price. The production of sugar has gone up and thereby the quotas of the States for distribution to domestic consumers have been increased. Thus the policy has met the need of the situation. It is premature to consider revision of this policy at this stage.

#### Central Assistance for Minor Irrigation Projects in Gujarat

8234. SHRI S. M. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of FOOD & AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the central assistance in the form of loans and grants given during the Third Five Year Plan and during 1968-69 for minor irrigation projects located in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : The following loans and grants were sanctioned to the Govt. of Gujarat during the Third Plan period and during

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Assistance sanctioned	
	Loans	Grants
1961-62	163.81	33.43
1962-63	138.19	38.95
1963-64	129.80	35.46
1964-65	281.52	6.78
1965-66	332.79	39.62
1968-69	239.50	87.15

Note 1. Assistance for the years 1961-62, 1962-63 and 1963-64 was released under the combined Head "Agricultural Production including Minor Irrigation". Separate figures for Minor Irrigation are not available.

Note 2. Assistance for 1965-66 and 1968-69 was released on provisional basis and is thus subject to final adjustment on the basis of audited figures of expenditure to be received from the State Government for the above period.

In addition to the above assistance, 100% grant was given by the Government of India for the scheme of 'Research and Training on Minor Irrigation and water Use' during the Third Plan and during 1968-69. The amount of such grants are indicated below :—

Year	(Amount released for)	
	Rs.	Rs.
	Research Scheme	Training Scheme
1962-63	4,000	3,000
1963-64	61,618	Nil
1964-65	20,000	Nil
*1965-66	18,000	50,000
*1968-69.	10,000	42,500

\*Provisional subject to adjustment on the basis of actual audited expenditure figures.