

through state agencies, 237460 tonnes of Soyabean in Madhya Pradesh till 15th December, 1999.

(b) and (c) The NAFED is committed to procure entire quantity of soyabean of FAQ specification, offered by farmers, at the minimum support price. Purchase of soyabean at the minimum support price, by NAFED is continuing.

Prime Minister's appeal for relief measures

2307. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state Whether Prime Minister has not -yet made any appeal to the Nation and the International Community and Financial Agencies for giving assistance to the Super Cyclone affected people of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): The Prime Minister had made an appeal to the Nation on October 30, 1999 to come forward and provide relief to the cyclone hit people of Orissa and generously help in their early rehabilitation. As a matter of policy, no such request for international assistance is made by the Government.

Waiving of Agricultural loan

2308. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to waive the agricultural loan and interest of all farmers of Orissa's cyclone affected areas; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for 100 per cent crop insurance in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir. However, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised the banks not to recover either principal or interest from the affected farmers for a period of two years and reschedule the amounts not