

Rs. 30.09 crore. In respect of the remaining 11 projects, the Screening Committee of the N.C.D.C. has considered 10 of them and has recommended sanction of investment loan assistance of Rs. 50.49 crore in respect of 9 new cooperative sugar factories while in respect of the remaining one it has suggested to ascertain the availability of sugar cane in the area before a decision could be taken in the matter. The final decision with regard to these projects would be taken by the Board of Management of the N.C.D.C. As regards the last project, the sanction letter of the Central Financial Institution has been received by National Cooperative Development Corporation on 23.8.94 only.

#### Production of Mushroom

4255. SHRITULASIDASMAJJI:  
DR. SHRIKANT

RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much mushroom is produced annually in the country State-wise;

(b) what is the total annual demand for mushroom consumption in the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to boost mushroom production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As mushroom growing is in the unorganised sector, authentic statistics for its production are not available. Estimated production figures for 1992-93 for major mushroom growing States is given in Statement (*see below*)

(b) No statistics of demand for mushroom consumption in the country are available.

(c) Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Mushroom Cultivation during the 8th Plan at a total cost of Rs. 10 crores. The major components of the scheme are:

(i) Establishment of Spawn Production

Units (29) (ii) Establishment of Pasturised Compost Units (29)

(iii) Training of farmers in mushroom production (27200 Nos.)

In addition, National Horticulture Board also provides assistance to integrated projects on mushroom production and marketing to the extent of 40% of the project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 1.00 crores as soft loan.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries also provides assistance for meeting the capital expenditure on setting up of spawn laboratories, compost pasturisation facilities and processing facilities for mushrooms, to public sector/ Cooperative/joint sector/assisted sector projects/voluntary/autonomous organisations/ undertakings.

#### Statement

*State-wise estimated production of Mushrooms*

Sl. No.	States	1992-93 (MT)	Projected for 1994-95
1.	Andhra Pradesh	300	500
2.	Bihar	5	10
3.	Delhi	500	600
4.	Gujarat	10	15
5.	Haryana	1650	3000
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2000	3500
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	300	500
8.	Karnataka	500	600
9.	Kerala	300	700
10.	Madhya Pradesh	200	1200
11.	Maharashtra	250	500
12.	Orissa	50	600
13.	Punjab	1200	4200
14.	Rajasthan	5	10
15.	Tamil Nadu	1200	4500
16.	Uttar Pradesh	2500	3500
17.	West Bengal	50	1200
18.	Others	500	1000
TOTAL;		11520	26135

#### Loss due to natural calamities

4256. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR  
SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT  
RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total loss of lives, property,