

Assistance for Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

763. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what decision Government have taken on the Maharashtra Government's request for providing additional funds to the National Cooperative Development Corporation so as to enable it to provide assistance to the sugar factories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme an outlay of Rs. 350.00 crores has been proposed by National Cooperative Development Corporation for supplementing the resources of the State Government for share capital participation in the new cooperative sugar factories during the 8th Plan period. The outlay proposed by NCDC has since been agreed to by the Government of India. This outlay is expected to take care of assistance to cooperative sugar factories in India, including sugar factories in Maharashtra.

Working of National Seeds Corporation

764. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of grants given to the National Seeds Corporation during the last three years;

(b) what is the strength of the employees of the National Seeds Corporation and what is the annual expenditure on their emoluments during the last three years; and

(c) whether the working of the National Seeds Corporation has been evaluated and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Amount of grants received by National Seeds Corporation (NSC) from the Government of India for implementation of central sector schemes during the last three years is as under :—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs) Amount of grants
1989-90	142.34
1990-91	218.91
1991-92	1977.99
TOTAL :	2339.24

(b) The staff strength of the employees of NSC and annual expenditure on their emoluments during last three years is as under :—

Year	Strength of employees		Total	Annual expenditure on their emoluments (Salary, Allowances and Wages) excluding other benefits. (Rs. in lakhs)
	Regular	Daily wage		
1989-90	1663	632	2295	640.59
1990-91	1631	520	2151	740.46
1991-92	1579	504	2083	729.71