

Interest on Cooperative Loans

2667. SHRIMATI VIJYA RAJE SCINDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation dated the 10th July, 1981 has been received by the Government from one Shri M. A. Dabri, Advocate, Nagpur (Maharashtra) in respect of interest on cooperative loans; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Selling Price of horn of Assam's Rhinos

2668. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(b) what is the selling price of Assam Rhino's horn per kilogram;

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(c) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of Assam's Rhino horns is

lying in Government stores at present; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). No sale of lately. Hence its selling price cannot Assam Rhino's horn has been held be indicated.

(c) and (d). According to information last given by the State Government, about 58 kilograms of Rhino horns was available. This quantity has accumulated because commercial trade in Rhino horn is not permitted under the present policy of Government. However, it can be used for scientific, research or educational purposes.

Creation of Additional Irrigation Potential by State Governments

2669. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the additional irrigation potential created by the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

Additional irrigation potential created during the last three years in thousand hectares.

Sl. No.	States	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81 (anticipated)
1	Andhra Pradesh	122	137	184
2	Assam	42.5	22.5	44
3	Bihar	197	188	220
4	Gujarat	74	75	73
5	Haryana	80	61	51