

The prices in terms of foreign exchange have actually declined.

ASSISTANCE TO KERALA FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

481. SHRI KESAVAN (THAZ-HAVA) : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the assistance given to the Government of Kerala for agricultural production including minor irrigation and land development for the years 1967-68 and so far 1968-69; and

(b) the amount of assistance actually asked for by the Government of Kerala during the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the re-quired information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. {See below}.

STATEMENT

(a) Central assistance is released to State Governments for Centrally Sponsored and Centrally Aided (State Plan) Schemes. The Central assistance given to the Government of Kerala for these schemes during 1967-68 and allocated during 1968-69 is given below :—

	(Rupees in Lakhs)			
	Amount released during 1967-68		Amount allocated during 1968-69	
	Loans	Grants	Loans	Grants
(i) Centrally Aided Scheme	180.82	163.19	205.20	169.05
(ii) Centrally Sponsored Schemes	6.25	29.68	2.50	35.34
TOTAL	187.07	192.87	207.70	204.39

Assistance for State Plan Schemes for 1968-69 has been released in full upto the amount allocated to them. Assistance for Centrally Sponsored Schemes will be released shortly before the close of the financial year.

(hi Central assistance has been provided to the State on the basis of the progress of expenditure reported by them and the entire amount provided has been released in respect of State Plan Schemes. In case of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the amount of assistance is fixed on the basis of past term of assistance.

POPULARISATION OF USE OF UREA

482. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the urea produced at the Namrup Fertilizer Plant by the F.C.I. is not finding consumers in Assam as the farmers in

that State are not accustomed to the use of urea; and

(hi if so, whether Government in co-operation with the Government of Assam propose to take up any scheme to popularise the use of urea in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

EXHIBITION OF FILMS APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CENSORS

483. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Indian films approved for exhibition by the Central