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A proposal to consider covering fisherwomen under the scheme is being examined in consultation with State Governments. A decision on the proposal will be taken thereafter.

**Intensive Cotton Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh**

3269. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Intensive Cotton Development Programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) funds allocated to the State under this programme during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) facilities extended to the cotton growers of the State under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Centrally sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme is being implemented in fifteen cotton growing States including the State of Andhra Pradesh for enhancing the production and productivity of cotton. Assistance is provided under the scheme to the State for the transfer of technology through field demonstration on crop production/Integrated Pest Management and training of farmers/extension workers. Besides, assistance is also provided for the supply of critical inputs such as certified seeds of varieties notified during the last fifteen years; water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation; sprayers; pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as establishment of seed delinting and bio-pesticide units.

The funds allocated as Central Share to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)	
Year	Allocation
1995-96	173.40
1996-97	273.00
1997-98	275.46
1998-99	406.59
1999-2000	700.00