

Condition of co-operative milk societies

‡2670. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that co-operative milk societies in States are in poor condition;
- (b) if so, whether Government is providing assistance for their development;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) names of programmes being run by Government for improving the condition of co-operative milk societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The Dairy Cooperatives are registered under the respective State Cooperative Societies Act and come under the purview of their respective State Government. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) reviews the financial condition of the Dairy Cooperative Unions/Federations, which were set up under Operation Flood Programme and have been provided technical/financial assistance by them. Based on the Annual Accounts received from 119 cooperative Milk Unions/Federations for the year 2009-10, 67 had accumulated net losses and the remaining 52 had accumulated profits.

(b) The Government of India introduced Central Sector Scheme- “Assistance to Cooperatives” in January, 2000, with the objective of revitalizing the sick cooperatives Milk Unions/Federations with significant accumulated cash losses and have potential for turnaround. Under the scheme, Government of India and the concerned State Government provide grant-in-aid on a 50:50 sharing basis to loss making cooperative Milk Unions/ Federations based on the revival plans prepared by NDDB in consultation with the cooperatives. The grant-in-aid is provided to the cooperatives to offset losses and achieve viability within a rehabilitation period of seven years.

(c) State-wise status of Grant-in-Aid released under the scheme “Assistance to cooperative” as on 30th November, 2011 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India is implementing the following schemes for dairy development in which dairy cooperatives are also eligible for assistance:—

1. Intensive Dairy Development Programme.
2. Assistance to Cooperatives.
3. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

*State-wise status of grant-in-aid released under the Scheme
“Assistance to Cooperative”*

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Unions Assisted	Grant-in-Aid released		
			State Government Share	GOI's Share	Total fund released
1.	Assam	1	670.00	678.00	1348.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	1	240.00	235.00	475.00
3.	Haryana	2	494.00	494.00	988.00
4.	Karnataka	4	790.54	790.54	1581.08
5.	Kerala	1	206.60	206.60	413.20
6.	Madhya Pradesh	4	2675.00	2675.00	5350.00
7.	Maharashtra	4	417.00	417.00	834.00
8.	Nagaland	1	10.24	10.24	20.48
9.	Punjab	6	2199.96	2507.27	4707.23
10.	Tamil Nadu	4	1135.50	1173.50	2309.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh	10	1894.97	1894.97	3789.94
12.	West Bengal	1	321.92	321.92	643.84
TOTAL:		39	11055.73	11404.04	22459.77

Depleting soil quality

2671. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to spread awareness of depleting soil quality among farmers; and

(b) whether there is a national programme to teach farmers about new technology of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Government is promoting soil test based balanced and