

India participated in these discussions. The report on the discussions has not so far been received from the UNCTAD Secretariat.

PLAN OUTLAYS FOR AGRICULTURE

*637. SHRI KESAVAN THAZHAVA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the ceilings of Plan outlays approved by the Planning Commission for Kerala and other State Governments for agricultural purposes during the year 1968-69 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : The required information has been given on pages 90 to 95 of the Document: "Annual Plan 1968-69" which was placed on the Table of the Sabha on the 31st July, 1968.

*638. [Transferred to the 27th August, 1968.]

CREDIT NEEDS OF AGRICULTURISTS

*639. SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD : SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the requirement of short, medium and long term credit needs of the agriculturists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount for short, medium and long term finance proposed to be given to farmers through the cooperative banks for the year 1968-69 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) The question of assessment of requirement of short, medium and long term credit needs of agriculturists in the country is under examination by the All India Rural Credit Review Committee and not finalised.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Estimates for credit disbursement through the cooperative structure during 1968-69 are as under :

(Rs. in crores)	
Short term	400.00
Medium term	50.00
Long term	100.00
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MECHANISED FARM IN MAHARASHTRA

*640. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a large sized mechanised farm in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the proposal will materialise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

DEATHS DUE TO SCARCITY CONDITIONS IN ASSAM

1222. SHRI TARKESHWAR PANDE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people died due to scarcity conditions in Mangaldoi sub-division of Assam; if so, what is their number;

(b) whether Government propose to hold an enquiry in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are no fair price shops opened in that area and the relief provided by the Government was inadequate; if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken to improve the situation ?