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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. State is participating under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding since 2003-04. Activities like Implementation of Progeny Testing Programme (PTP) and Strengthening Semen Station are covered under the scheme. Central assistance has been released to the State of Maharashtra for strengthening semen station located at Nagpur, Pune and Aurangabad. Amount of Rs. 160.00 lakh has been approved under the scheme for implementation of Progeny Testing Programme. Government has also initiated National Dairy Plan-1 in 14 major dairy States including Maharashtra under which assistance is available for strengthening semen stations and implementation of progeny testing programme.

## Decline in long-term credit in Cooperative sector

488. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that the volume of long-term credit in the Co-operative (a) sector is decreasing drastically every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons for such a steep decline;
- whether the bottlenecks have been identified and steps have been taken (c) to accelerate flow of resources to this sector which is the backbone of investment credit in agriculture sector; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (d) As reported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), long-term credit disbursed by cooperative banks have increased from Rs. 4,964 crore in 2007-08 to Rs. 9,083 crore in 2010-11. However, as per provisional figure it has come down to Rs. 6,134 crore (Provisional) in 2011-12. State-wise details of long-term credit for the year 2007-08 to 2010-11 is given in the Statement (See below).

Low level of financial resources with Long-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (LTCCS) in the country is the main reasons for decline in flow of long term credit through cooperative banks. In order to improve lendable resources of LTCCS,

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(Rs. crore)

NABARD, Government of India and States Government are providing refinance support to these institutions.

Statement State-wise flow of long-term credit by Cooperative Banks

Sl. 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 State No. 1 2 3 4 5 6 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Chandigarh 1. New Delhi 0.180.150.16 2.39 Haryana 747.70 998.09 503.17 1666.12 Himachal Pradesh 260.02 4. 176.84 257.13 381.17 Jammu and Kashmir 9.87 17.19 16.82 12.81 Punjab 1029.76 6. 552.98 842.60 626.68 367.08 Rajasthan 433.24 7. 322.28 257.86 Arunachal Pradesh 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.41 9. Assam 9.36 13.20 24.50 21.59 2.06 10. Manipur 1.25 3.71 5.31 11. Meghalaya 1.36 1.73 3.69 7.32 12. Mizoram 4.98 3.18 0.95 7.61 13. Nagaland 2.30 0.67 0.82 0.53 14. Tripura 2.99 18.20 0.87 4.45 15. Sikkim 0.77 1.85 0.61 1.11 16. Bihar 0.00 0.00 0.05 0.00

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Crop solution for African nations

489. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UK based Centre for Agricultural Bio Science International (CABI)