

crops are fixed on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). All components of costs, including fertilizers, are considered, among other factors, by CACP while recommending MSPs.

**Interest free loan to farmers**

†1090. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the type of subsidy given by Government on loans payable to farmers;
- (b) whether Government intends to provide interest free loans to small and marginal farmers; and
- (c) whether Government intends to distribute quality seeds to farmers by constituting quality seed production cooperative committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Government is not implementing any scheme under which subsidy is given on loans payable to the farmers. However, in order to provide credit to farmers at affordable interest rates, the Government of India, has been implementing the Interest Subvention Scheme since 2006-07 under which short-term crop loans upto Rs.3 lakh are made available to the farmers at an interest rate of 7 per cent per annum by the Banks. The Government of India in 2009-10 introduced an additional interest subvention of 1% for farmers who repay their loans within the period of interest subvention *i.e.* within one year of disbursement of such loans. The additional subvention was increased to 2% in 2010-11 and 3% from 2011-12 onwards. The Interest Subvention Scheme has also been extended to the private sector commercial banks (in respect of short term crop loans disbursed by their rural and semi-urban branches) from the year 2013-14. Thus effective rate of interest payment by the farmers who repay their loan in time is presently 4%.

(b) and (c) No such proposals are under consideration.

**Functioning of National Horticulture Mission in Rajasthan**

†1091. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 24 districts of Rajasthan have been included in the National Horticulture Mission; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government intends to include the remaining nine districts in this mission and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Horticulture Mission has been subsumed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). A total of 24 districts out of 33 districts have been included under MIDH.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) envisages a cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, in accordance with their comparative advantage based on agro climatic conditions, potential for development and marketing opportunities. Inclusion of more districts under this programme would lead to diffusion of scarce resources. States have been advised to utilize funds from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for horticulture development in Non-NHM districts.

#### **Animal husbandry in Maharashtra**

1092. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of animal husbandry in total agricultural income in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the districts of Maharashtra which have developed animal husbandry on a large scale;

(c) the details of marketing and cold storage facilities available in these district of Maharashtra; and;

(d) how Government proposes to increase productivity in this sector, especially in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Percentage share of Livestock to the total Gross Value of Output (GVO) of Agriculture (including Livestock) for the State of Maharashtra is 22.3% in current price and 22% in constant prices in 2011-12.

(b) The districts which have developed Animal Husbandry in large scale in Maharashtra are Ahmadnagar, Pune, Kolhapur, Solapur, Sangli, Satara, Nashik, Beed, Jalgaon, Osmanabad.