

Reimbursement of loss incurred by PACS

1466. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any statutory condition in MoU signed between NABARD and State Governments for reimbursement of financial loss incurred by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS); and

(b) if so, the details of percentage of fund sharing by NABARD/State Governments and PACS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There was no statutory condition in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Government of India, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and the State Governments for reimbursement of financial losses incurred by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).

The Revival Package provided for financial assistance for cleansing of Balance-sheets of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) as on 31st March, 2004 and strengthening their capital base for attaining capital adequacy of 7% as on 31st March, 2004. However, such financial assistance was contingent upon the State Governments bringing legal reforms encompassing amendment to Cooperative Societies' Act, Rules and Bye laws to strengthen democratic and autonomous functioning and supremacy of the elected Board and institutional reforms to build up proper accounting, monitoring and internal control systems in the cooperative credit institutions with computerization.

Lack of cancer specialists in the country

1467. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's cancer burden is projected to increase to 1.7 million by 2035;

(b) whether it is a fact that mortality will double to 1.2 million a year by 2035;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with only one cancer specialist of every 5000 new cases, the total number of oncologists in India is frighteningly low in proportion to the increasing population of cancer victims; and