

Decreasing availability of land due to use of Chemicals

†3127. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that per capita availability of land is decreasing constantly, due to use of chemicals and insecticides;

(b) if so, whether Geologists and agricultural scientists have insisted to control this tendency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the policy made/decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is no evidence as to per capita availability of land is decreasing due to use of chemicals and insecticides in the country.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Assistance for poultry farming in A.P.

3128. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing 100 per cent Central assistance for strengthening poultry farming in States;

(b) if so, how much financial assistance has been provided to the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance for poultry farming in villages and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) During the Xth Plan this Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Assistance to State Poultry/Duck Farm' to strengthen the Poultry Farms of the State Government. The scheme will be implemented in all the States/UTs of the country. The pattern of assistance will be 100 per cent for North Eastern States including Sikkim and 80:20 Center to State basis for other States.

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