

consider the project for financial assistance under Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

The revised project proposals on "Reclamation of Alkali Soil in Gujarat State" and "Pilot Project for Prevention of Salinity Ingress in Coastal Areas of Saurashtra", have been examined and recommended to Planning Commission for their consideration.

Increasing the minimum support price for TUR

178. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum support price fixed by Government per quintal for Tur grown in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has sought hike in the minimum support price for Tur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The minimum support price (MSP) fixed by the Government for Tur is Rs. 1320 per quintal for the Kharif Marketing Year 2001-02. The MSP fixed by the Government is applicable throughout the country.

(b) and (c) The MSP of Tur for the year 2001-02 has been fixed by the Government on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Coasts & Prices (CACP). While finalizing its recommendations on price policy, the CACP takes into consideration several factors like cost of production, demand and supply, etc. The CACP had recommended the MSP of Tur @ Rs. 1320 per quintal, though the State Government of Karnataka suggested the MSP @ Rs. 2285 per quintal. After taking into account the recommendation made by the CACP, views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as other factors considered important for price fixation, the Government accepted the recommendations made by the CACP.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka for drought

179. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned/released by Government to Karnataka to take