

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

BIFR time-frame for IISCO's rehabilitation

*559. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR, in its last hearing on 1st April, 2002, has given time to Government up to 30th June, 2002, to submit a tied up rehabilitation scheme for revival of IISCO, failing which BIFR would order winding up to IISCO, without any further hearing; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to adhere to the above time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for rehabilitation of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) is under consideration of Government.

Technology Mission for Horticulture in NER

*560. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

SHRI RISHANG KEISHING :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds for Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in NER, State-wise;

(b) the nature and the objects of the Technology Mission, and the detailed plan of action for its implementation; and

(c) the target set and the achievements made, year-wise, and the beneficiaries identified, since beginning of the mission?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim was approved for implementation on 27th February, 2001 with the provision of Rs. 229.38 crores during 9th Five Year Plan. For implementing the programmes of the Mission, States are required to prepare, as per approved norms of the scheme, an action plan based on which funds are made available to them on year to year basis.

(b) The objectives of the Mission are (i) to harness the potential of horticulture of the region by increasing production and productivity of horticultural crops (ii) to maximize economic, ecological and social benefits through desirable diversification (iii) to develop additional infrastructure for production of planting material, storage and processing of horticultural produce (iv) to provide skillful employment in the region.

The Mission is being implemented in a mission-mode approach through four Mini-Missions adopting end-to-end approach and by establishing linkages right from supply of quality planting material, production, post-harvest management, processing and marketing activities.

Mini Mission-I: Research — coordinated and implemented by Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Mini Mission-II: Production and Productivity — coordinated by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and implemented by State Departments of Horticulture/Agriculture.

Mini Mission-III: Post-harvest management and Marketing — coordinated by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation implemented by Directorate of Market Intelligence, National Horticulture/Agriculture.

Mini Mission-IV: Processing — coordinated and implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

(c) The scheme has been implemented during 2001-02 and funds have been made available to the States concerned for achieving following major targets based on their action-plans:

(i) Area expansion under various horticultural crops	11350 ha.
(ii) Establishment of Model floriculture centres	- 5 Nos.
(iii) Establishment of Integrated Mushroom Units	- 6 Nos.
(iv) Creation of community tanks	- 19 Nos.
(v) Establishment of Nurseries for planting materials	- 65 Nos.
(vi) Establishment of Tissue Culture Lab	- 3 Nos.
(vii) Training of farmer	- 8430 Nos.

(viii) Training of farmers outside the State	- 1630 Nos.
(ix) Adoption of organic farming practices	- 980 ha.
(x) Adoption of Integrated Pest Management Practices	- 4400 ha.
(xi) Establishment of wholesale markets	- 16 Nos.
(xii) Establishment of Rural Primary Markets	- 56 Nos.
(xiii) Establishment of State Grading Labs.	- 13 Nos.
(xiv) Establishment of Processing Units	- 9 nos.

Beneficiaries at field level are identified by nodal agencies, Departments of Horticulture/Agriculture concerned, as per requirements and priorities of the State.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Drought crisis in Gujarat

3946. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gujarat is drought-prone area; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to meet the crisis during drought period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) According to information available from the Department of Land Resources, 67 blocks in 14 districts of Gujarat, in an area of about 0.44 lakh sq. kms., are covered by Drought-Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) implemented by them.

(b) Necessary measures in the wake of drought are to be taken by the State Government. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government.

Committee for export of foodgrains

3947. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :