

Funds to States under MIS

4673. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has to settle huge amount of money incurred by Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other Southern States during procurement operations, under Market Intervention Schemes (MIS), since 1998-99; and

(b) if so, the details of amount pending with the Ministry since then, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the accounts received for the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) implemented since 1998-99 in Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka have been settled and the Central Government share of loss has also been reimbursed for the period under reference. No MIS has been implemented in other southern states.

Market-Oriented Research by I.A.R.I.

4674. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the major areas in agricultural sector where functional research is carried out by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute;

(b) whether the researches conducted by the I.A.R.I are market-oriented; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to give market-orientation to the institute's research work, to boost up the farm sector's export potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi is carrying out functional research in following areas of agricultural sector:

1. Crop Improvement
2. Crop Protection