

RAI): (a) and (b). Loans from the Sugar Development Fund, totalling Rs.578.44 crores have been disbursed till 31.1.1994 to sugar mills for modernisation/ rehabilitation of plant and machinery and for undertaking schemes of sugarcane development in their areas of operation;

(c) and (d). The per hectare yield of sugarcane for the last three years as under:

Year	Yields(tonnes/ha)
1990-91	65.39
1991-92	66.06
1992-93	63.81

(e) The target for sugarcane production for the VIII Plan has been fixed at 275 million tonnes to be achieved primarily through increase in his productivity. However, no Yield target has been assigned

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Oilseeds Production

*11. SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target of oilseeds production fixed for the year 1993-94;

(b) whether the production is likely to touch the desired target:

(c) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the remedial steps being taken/

proposed to be taken to achieve the desired target;

(e) whether the Government propose to bring more areas under the oilseeds cultivation so as to increase the production; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The production target of 21.0 million tonnes has been fixed for the year 1993-94.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f). It is programmed to increase area under oilseeds specially under Soyabean, Sunflower, Rabi-Summer Groundnut and Rapeseed & Mustard in the States of M.P., Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala States.

Exclusion Rich from PDS

*12. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to exclude the 'creamy layers' from the purview of Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES,

CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K ANTONY): (a) to (c). The advisory Council on Public Distribution System (PDS) at its 15th meeting held in March, 1993 advised the Central Government to evolve a National Policy on PDS which should focus on the need to allocate larger and more meaningful quantities to the really needy and deserving sections of the society. Accordingly, the Government had set up a Committee of Ministers comprising Ministers of Food and Civil Supplies of Tamil Nadu, Haryana and West Bengal and the report of this Committee of Ministers was considered at the 16th meeting of the Advisory Council on PDS in September, 93. The Advisory Council on PDS decided to refer the issue to the National Development Council for further discussion with State Governments. The Central Government has not taken any final decision on the matter.

Production of Foodgrains

*13. PROF. UMMAREDDY
VENKATESWARLU:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total foodgrains production during each of the last three years in Kharif and

Rabi seasons, separately, item-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the foodgrains production in 1993-94 has touched/likely to touch target fixed for the year;

(c) if not, the extent to which the production is likely to all short of the target in case of foodgrains/ commercial crops along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortfall;

(e) whether the Government have fixed any target of foodgrains production for 1994-95; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BLARAM JAKHAR): (a). The statement giving production of foodgrains during Kharif and rabi seasons for the last three years i.e. 1990-91 to 1992-93 for each of the state is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) according to the present assessment, the production of foodgrains, oilseeds and other major cash crops this year vis-a-vis the target for 1993-94 are given in the table below:-

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Target (achievement)</i>	<i>Likely</i>
Foodgrains	Million tonnes	88.0	179.
Oilseeds	- do-	21.0	20.5
Sugarcane	-do-	250.0	231.0