

the reasons of such a fall in agricultural production?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):**

(a) Yes, Sir. The growth rate in agricultural production has fallen from 3.13 per cent in pre-Green Revolution Period (1949-50 to 1964-65) to 2.64 per cent in the Post-Green Revolution period (1967-68 to 1988-89).

(b) and (c). The PHDCCI in their study has included the year 1964-65 in both the time periods of comparison which is not desirable. Further, the years 1965-66 and 1966-67 are generally not taken into account in any of the two time periods by convention because of severe drought experienced in the country during these two years.

The primary reasons for decline in growth rate of agricultural production is the fall in the rate of expansion of area which has declined from 1.61 per cent per annum in the Pre-Green Revolution period to 0.26 per cent per annum in the Post-Green Revolution period. Further, the comparison base in the Post Green Revolution period being higher, equal absolute increments in production in the two time periods are bound to result in lower growth rate in the Post Green revolution period as compared to the Pre-Green Revolution period. Nonetheless, there has been a substantial increase in the growth rate of productivity there has been a substantial increase in the growth rate of productivity of 'all crops' which has risen from 1.30 per cent per annum in the Pre-Green Revolution period to 1.92 per cent in the Post-Green Revolution period. The rise in productivity of wheat, groundnut, rapeseed & mustard, sesamum and cotton has particularly been very impressive in the Post Green Revolution period.

It may also be added that record pro-

duction of rice, wheat, foodgrains, oilseeds and sugarcane have been achieved in the year 1988-89. The performance is likely to be repeated in the year 1989-90 as well.

#### **Telephone Connections on Cut of Turn Basis**

**2487. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the subscribers who have been provided out of turn priority telephone connections under orders of the Minister since December, 1989; and

(b) what parameters weighed with the Minister in doing so?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):** (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The telephone connections are sanctioned on merits of the case.

[*Translation*]

#### **Agricultural Development in Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana**

**2488. SHRI SIMON MARANDI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken during the last three years to remove backwardness in the field of agriculture in Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana (Jharkhand) areas; and

(b) the details of projects sanctioned for agricultural development in these areas?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND**

**COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):** (a) and (b). Agriculture is a State subject. However, programmes like Minikit Demonstration, National Pulses Development Programme, Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers for Agricultural Development Scheme, National Oilseeds Development Programme, Oilseeds Production Thrust Programme, Special Rice Production Programme have been taken up for the Development of agriculture in the State of Bihar including its areas of Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana (Jharkhand), by the Government of India.

[*English*]

#### **Agricultural Production in North Eastern States**

2489. **SHRI HARISH PAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no break through in agricultural production in the North-Eastern States during the recent years;

(b) whether Government propose to launch a special programme to increase the agricultural production in these States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):** (a) The agricultural production in North-Eastern States has been fluctuating year to year as it is largely dependent on rainfall. Because of the comparatively less developed infrastructural facilities and terrain condition there has not been a real break through in agriculture.

(b) and (c). The Special Programme already under implementation in north East-

ern States for increasing the crop production includes:

- (i) Integrated Programme for Rice Development in Tripura & Assam;
- (ii) National Pulses Development Project in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura;
- (iii) Oilseeds Production Programme in Tripura, Sikkim and Assam;
- (iv) Special Jute Development Programme in Meghalaya, Tripura and Assam.

#### **Proposals for funds for construction of Ring Roads in Congested cities of states**

2490. **SHRISHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have submitted proposals to the Union Government for prociding funds for the construction of ring roads in the congested cities of those states;

(b) if so, the states from where the proposals have come, and

(c) the steps taken to approve and provide funds for the proposals submitted by various States Governments?

**THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN):** (a) to (c). Constitutionally, the Government of India are primarily concerned with roads declared as National Highways only. The primary responsibility for all roads other than National Highways in States is that of the State Governments concerned. The Government of Gujarat have proposed construction of