

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Additional Allocation for Foodgrains Production

1028. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of additional allocation proposed to be made by the Planning Commission for the year 1990 for the schemes to check the fall in foodgrains production; and

(b) the salient features of the scheme?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The Annual Plan of the Centre and States for agriculture and irrigation contain a number of measures for improved agricultural production in general and improved foodgrains production in particular. These include distribution of high yielding seeds, augmentation of irrigation facilities, extension back-up, better supply of fertilizers and pesticides etc. Given normal weather conditions, foodgrains production is not expected to decline in 1990-91. The aim would infact be to step it up over the level in 1989-90.

[English]

National Youth Awards

1029 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests received from the social organisations for 'National Youth Awards' in 1988 and 1989 and the details thereof; and

(b) the criteria adopted for selection for the awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a) During the year 1988 and 1989 60 and 54 recommendations were received respectively from the social organisations for National Youth Awards for the year 1987-88 and 1988-89, as per the statement given below.

(b) The National Youth Awards are conferred on youth who have demonstrably excelled in youth work in different fields of development activities and social service. While considering candidates for the Youth Award, the leadership qualities displayed by them in successfully carrying out voluntary activities are also taken into account.

The registered Voluntary Organisations engaged in youth programmes who have done outstanding work in the field of National Development and/or social service and also have rendered services in the relevent field for at least three years, are considered for this Award.