

Pradesh for increasing the production of millets in the country. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for critical inputs viz. distribution of certified seeds, herbicides, plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, improved farm implements and conducting the field demonstrations, training to farmers etc.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir, In the 8th Plan ending 1996-97, targets of coarse grains (including millets) is 39.00 million tonnes with an area coverage of approximately 37.75 million ha.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTION

[English]

Pest Control

*345. SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main insecticides of plant origin available for control of pests in agriculture;

(b) whether any Research and Development work has been conducted to develop plant origin pesticides such as neem; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Pyrethrum from Chrysanthemum flower and Neem-based pesticides are registered for the control of pests in agriculture.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and several other

institutions/Universities are engaged in Research and development work for development of, plant origin pesticides. As a result of these research efforts neem based formulations i.e. emulsifiable concentrates water dispersible powders, granules, dusts and solutions have been developed.

Sub-Sea Pipeline

*346. SHRI DILEEP BHAI
SANGHANI:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a new sub-sea pipeline to bring more off shore gas to Hazira;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also considering a proposal to augment the capacity of HBJ pipeline to carry the gas further in the country;

(d) the users of the gas, quantity-wise; and

(e) the total cost involved in the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLIUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The Government has approved laying of a 250 Km. long trunk pipeline of 42" decameter from South Basin to Hazira.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The gas has been allotted to various consumers in the power, fertilizer and the sectors.

(e) The approved cost for the pipeline from Basein to Hazira is Rs 1974.33 crores.