

[English]

**Foodgrains Production**

\*47. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains production in the current year is likely to fall short of the target;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of the shortfall;

(c) whether the shortfall is likely to have an impact on foodgrain prices as well as on buffer stock operations; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to neutralise the impact?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). The final estimates of production of kharif foodgrains have not yet become due from the States. Sowings of rabi crops are also still in progress. At this stage it is difficult to indicate the precise estimate of the quantity of shortfall in foodgrains production from the targetted level for the current year. However, according to available assessment, the production of kharif foodgrains during 1992-93 is likely to fall short by about 3 million tonnes from the targetted level of 103.25 million tonnes.

(c) and (d). The level of foodgrains production is one of the various determinants of foodgrain prices. The price level as well as size of buffer stock is influenced by carry-over stock, imports management of buffer stock and distribution system as well as other determinants of demand like general price level and growth in per capita income. The Government would be managing

the food economy including operation of buffer stock and distribution of foodgrains under PDS in such a way that the prices of foodgrains do not rise unusually high.

[Translation]

**Unauthorised colonies**

\*48. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:  
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand to regularise the unauthorised colonies of Delhi is continuously being made;

(b) whether the Government have considered the said demand;

(c) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SRIMATI. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). It will be Government's endeavour to take an early decision in the matter.

**Beggary**

\*49. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:  
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted regarding the number of beggars in the country;