

Production of Foodgrains

*876. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether uncertainty of rains in Maharashtra has resulted in steep decline in foodgrain production during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate the losses suffered by farmers as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate a long term policy to compensate farmers in case of such uncertainty of rains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) It has been the policy of the Government to help the farmers on case of major losses of crops due to natural calamities like drought, flood etc. A Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is under implementation in the country with the objective of providing financial support to farmers in the event of crop failure due to drought, flood ect. and to restore their credit eligibility for the next season. Further, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been

constituted which is in operation from 01.04.1990 for each state with Central and State contribution in the ratio of 3:1. The State Governments are fully empowered to undertake relief operations in the wake of natural calamities out of its corpus of CRF.

Production of Oranges

*877. SHRI DHARMANNA MODAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under orange orchards in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the production of oranges in the country during the above period State-wise;

(c) whether any programme has been chalked out to improve the quality of oranges and to increase area under cultivation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b), The information is given in the statement attached.

(c) and (d). The following programmes have been taken up during VIII Plan period under citrus development which includes oranges also. The programmes of rejuvenation and demonstration will improve the quality of oranges besides increasing production.

Component	Physical	Financial (Rs. in Lakh)
i. Rejuvenation of citrus orchards	23550 ha.	486.72
ii. Establishment of demonstration 251 plots	60.24	
iii. Area expansion	750 ha.	190.27

STATEMENT

State-wise Area & Production of orange

Area in Hectate

Production in M.T.

S.No.	State	Area in Hectate		Production in M.T.	
		Area (1990-91)	Prod (1990-91)	Area	Prod. (1991-92)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Assam	5330	55000	4569	45996
2.	Maharashtra	38000	208000	62353	275241
3.	Manipur	1800	4100	1500	5750
4.	Mizoram	NA	NA	5061	15664
5.	Punjab	21718	217180	22932	229320
6.	Rajasthan	1888	10195	5128	25640
7.	Sikkim	NA	NA	6300	16500
8.	Tamil Nadu	2880	49000	3055	62650
9.	Tripura	7012	34300	7639	36500
10.	West Bengal	2200	23000	2410	20940

NA - Not Available