

(a) whether the Government of Bihar and other States have submitted proposals to the Union Government for approval and financial assistance for setting up sports schools in their States ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the proposals approved, State-wise;

(d) the amount sanctioned therefor and the amount actually released so far to each State ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (e). Except for one proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh which proposes to set up a sports school in Rangreddy district, no other State has asked for financial assistance for setting up a sports school. Since the Government of India does not have any specific scheme for establishment of sports schools, the Government of Andhra Pradesh was asked to send their proposal under the scheme of grants for creation of sports infrastructures. No proposal has been received from the State Government as yet.

#### **Foodgrain Production**

\*.190. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :  
DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the foodgrain production targets for the year 1992-93;

(b) whether the production is not expected to be as per the targets ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the quantity of foodgrains expected to be produced in accordance with the indications received so far in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the targets ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) the foodgrains production target for the year 1992-93 is 183.0 million tonnes.

(b) The Final estimates of foodgrain production for 1992-93 have not yet become due from the States. However, according to the present assessment, production foodgrains this year is likely to fall short of the target.

(c) The reasons for shortfall in foodgrain production from the target during 1992-93 may be attributed to delay in onset of south-west monsoon in various parts of the country, deficient rains in Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh, parts of East Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, unbalanced use of different fertiliser nutrients during rabi season 1992-93, etc.

(d) According to available indications so, far, the production of foodgrains during 1992-93 is likely to be about 176.7 million tonnes.

(e) The Government has been monitoring the progress of crops regularly throughout the year and suggesting the concerned States suitable measures to make best use of available soil moisture and ground water facilities. Steps were also taken to counter the adverse impact of decontrol of phosphoric and potassic fertilisers by providing various incentives including raising of minimum support prices of foodgrains to substantially higher level. In addition, various crop pro-

duction oriented programmes for foodgrains are being continued.

not undertaken any specific programme for the promotion of rearing of Bannur sheep.

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**Rearing of Bannur Sheep**

191. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Sheeds Breeding Farm, Hissar or any other institute has made any study on the quality of meat of sheep ;

(b) whether the meat of Bannur variety of sheep prevalent in Kamataka has high nutritious value as compared to other varieties ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of rearing of Bannur variety of sheep in Sheep Breeding Farms in other States in view of its high food value ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). *Studies on carcass quality of sheep with reference to bone meat ratio and body composition have been undertaken at some institutions. However, no studies have been undertaken to compare the nutritious value of meat of Bannur variety of sheep prevalent in Kamataka with any other variety.*

(d) Government of Kamataka has been implementing programmes for rearing of Rannur sheep. Government of India has

**Scheme for Adolescent Girls**

\*192. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVE SINGH :  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce a new scheme for adolescent girls in some selected blocks under the Integrated Child Development Services ; /

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the blocks selected therefor, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Scheme for Adolescent Girls has been sanctioned as a special intervention in the Integrated Child Development Services Programme in 507 blocks of the country during 1991-92.

(b) The scheme focuses on school drop-out girls in the age group 11-18 years and attempts to meet their Nutrition, Health, Education, recreational and skill development needs of these Girls.

(c) The list of selected blocks State-wise is enclosed as Statement.