

Production of Sunflower

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sunflower seeds in the countries during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have taken any measures to boost the production of sunflower seeds in the country, especially in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) and (c). For increasing the production of oilseeds including Sunflower, centrally sponsored oilseeds production programme (OPP) is in operation in 21 states covering 324 Distt. in the Country. Karnataka has a Special Thrust Programme for Sunflower Production. under OPP assistance is provided on key inputs like production and distribution of Seeds, Distribution of Plant Protection Chemicals and Equipments, Distribution of improved farm implement, Distribution of gypsum and pyrites, distribution of rhizobial culture etc. Organisation of General & Frontline Demonstration is under taken with the help

of State Deptt. of Agriculture & ICAR.

Science Education in Meghalaya and Assam

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

(a) whether the Government have introduced any special programme, under the scheme "Improvement of Science Education" in Meghalaya and Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievement made during the last two years under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Improvement of Science Education in Schools', does not envisage introduction of special programmes in states/UTs under the scheme, Financial assistance is provided to State/UTs as and when suitable projects in this behalf, formulated in accordance with the norms of the scheme, are received from them.

Under the Scheme, the State Governments of Meghalaya and Assam were sanctioned Rs.35,20,000/- and Rs.2,87,93,000/- respectively during 1990-91 and 1991-92 for the undermentioned items:-

S.No.	Item		Coverage (No.) Meghalaya/Assam
	Provision of science kits to upper primary schools:	200	858
	Setting up of new science laboratories in high/higher secondary schools:	32	295