

Central Agricultural Universities

*297. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Agricultural Universities at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to establish more such universities during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the benefits likely to be derived by the farmers through the research and development activities carried out in these universities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Only one Central Agricultural University with the title CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IMPHAL, MANIPUR has been established with effect from 26th January 1993 through the Act of Parliament. This University will have 7 Specialised colleges in Six States under its Jurisdiction namely; Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) The North Eastern Hill Region for which the Central Agricultural University has been established has great potential in all sectors and sub-sectors of Agricultural development. The integrated system of teaching, research, extension education, training and re-training of this University will be able to tackle the location-specific problem of research, extension and training and will provide needed manpower in the Region to undertake technology development and technology transfer programmes also assist the various development departments through training and re-training in bridging the gap between technology generation and technology transfer to the ultimate target beneficiaries i.e. farmers.

Oilseeds Production

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of various oilseeds during 1992-93, separately;

(b) the estimated production of various oilseeds during 1993-94, separately;

(c) the area under cultivation of various oilseeds at present separately; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the processing capacity of oil mills for attaining self-sufficiency in edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) The area and production of oilseeds during 1992-93 (crop-wise) along with targets of oilseeds production for 1993-94 are given in the Statement. It is too early to indicate the estimates of production of various oilseeds during 1993-94.

(d) The processing facilities are large enough for processing of the oilseeds produced in the country. However, much of the capacity is extremely old and inefficient with high consumption of steam and power and low recoveries of oil. A Plan scheme is being implemented to popularise a modern expeller developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) by providing a subsidy of Rs. 60,000/- per unit for the replacement of old expellers. The Government is also implementing a Plan scheme for modernisation of Huller Rice Mills to encourage production of edible grade rice bran oil, which is being implemented in major rice producing States by providing a subsidy.

The National Dairy Development Board under its Vegetable Oil Project is also promoting establishment of composite oilseeds processing units in the co-operative sector in the major oilseeds producing States.