

Copra

***70. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :**
SHRI RAMESH
CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have declared minimum support price of Copra for the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Coconut growers get adequate support price of their produce

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):
 (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Minimum Support Price for Copra for the 1993 season has been fixed at Rs. 2150 per quintal for Milling Copra and Rs. 2350 per quintal for Ball Copra.

(d) In order to ensure that coconut growers get adequate support price for their produce, the Government has designated National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (NAFED) to undertake the price support operations in case prices of copra fall below the minimum support prices.

National Agricultural Extension Project

***71. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:** Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects for which the Government of Rajasthan has received financial assistance from the World Bank under the National Agricultural Extension Project indicating the amount received for the purpose during the last three years;

(b) the details of the work performed with the said assistance during the above period;

(c) whether agricultural production in the State has increased as a result of implementation of the National Agricultural Extension Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):
 (a) The Government of Rajasthan had implemented a National Agricultural Extension Project with the World Bank assistance from 1984-85 to 1991-92 to strengthen extension services in the State at a total cost of Rs. 37 crores. The State Government received Rs. 12.88 crores on reimbursement basis during last three years. Details are given below in the Statement-I.

(b) The objective of the project was to strengthen extension/training infrastructure through positioning of incremental extension staff, training of extension personnel at various

levels, civil works comprising staff quarters, offices and training halls and vehicles for mobility of field staff. The details of cumulative physical targets and achievements including last three years are given below in Statement-II.

(c) and (d) Agricultural extension is one of the several contributing factors responsible for increase in agricultural production along with other inputs such as quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, etc. The crop production levels during the period project was implemented were generally higher than the period before project was started. The details are given below in Statement-III.

STATEMENT-I

	Price	Date
Details of Financial Assistance Reimbursement received by Rajasthan during last three years under NAEP-I		
(Rs. in Crores)		
Year		Reimbursement received
1990-91	2.99
1991-92	6.66
1992-93	3.23
Total	12.88

STATEMENT-II

Detail of cumulative Physical Targets and Achievements under the Rajasthan Component of National Agricultural Extension Project.

Sl. Project Component No.	Target	Cumulative Achievements
1. Positioning of Incremental Staff at various levels	1128 (persons)	1241
2. Civil Works	1596 (Nos.)	1164
3. Vehicles	993 (Nos.)	947
4. Training	8179 (individuals)	11767
	5230 (courses)	14797

STATEMENT-III
DETAILS OF PRODUCTION DATA FOR MAJOR CROPS IN THE
STATE OF RAJASTHAN

S. N.	Crop	Production levels (lakh tonnes/bales)			
		Before project	At the end of project period.		
			1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1.	Foodgrains	79.94	85.32	109.74	79.45
2.	Oilseeds	7.97	18.45	23.54	27.00
3.	Cotton	4.77	9.86	9.18	8.45
AVERAGE YIELD (KG/HA)					
1.	Foodgrains	634.00	732.00	864.00	705.00
2.	Oilseeds	537.00	732.00	766.00	761.00
3.	Cotton	215.00	386.00	343.00	303.00

*Source : Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan.

Food in Trains

*72. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNI-HOTRI : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government in regard to the supply of poor quality food to commuters in railways during the last six months;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry into these complaints;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of food ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) to (c) 176 complaints were received. These have been taken up for requisite scrutiny, 'enquiry and for necessary action against the defaulting staff/contractors. Arising

out of complaints and inspections conducted approximately 1068 Contractors were warned and fined and in nearly 387 cases departmental staff were also warned and action under DAR proceedings initiated during this period.

(d) Improvement in catering is an on-going process. Railways have inter-alia initiated measures such as introduction of pantry car service, modernisation of base kitchens, introduction of casserele service, intensive inspections, supply of cooked food on trains by reputed caterers, crash training programmes for cooks and direct induction of cooks from market, etc. in this direction.

Tobacco Cultivation

*73. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of