

compared to the all-time high of 1992-93. The population has been increasing at 2.2 percent on compound rate but food production has been increasing at the rate of 2.97 percent. Therefore, the increase in food production exceeds the increase in population, as far as agriculture in India is concerned, when the compound growth rate for the last decade is taken into account.

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

#### Egg Production

\*187. SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of eggs during the last three years, state-wise;

(b) the per-capita consumption of eggs in the country;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the per-capita consumption of eggs; and

(d) the assistance provided to the States for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A *Statement* has been attached.

(b) The per-capita consumption of eggs in the county was around 26 during 1992-92.

(c) Ministry of Agriculture is primarily concerned with the production of eggs.

(d) Does not arise.

### STATEMENT

(a) *Statewise estimated egg production in the country during the last 3 years is as under:*

(million numbers)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (Provisional)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3829	3812	3862
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	5	31
3.	Assam	405	422	434
4.	Bihar	1335	1378	1413
5.	Goa	92	92	92
6.	Gujarat	412	459	473
7.	Haryana	490	507	517
8.	Himachal Pradesh	53	58	70
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	283	294	302

Sl. No.	States/UTs	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (Provisional)
10.	Karnataka	1285	1336	1359
11.	Kerala	1550	1710	1774
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1016	1040	1068
13.	Maharashtra	2098	2145	2291
14.	Manipur	65	67	67
15.	Meghalaya	67	67	70
16.	Mizoram	19	19	2
17.	Nagaland	40	41	38
18.	Orissa	424	509	495
19.	Punjab	1820	1928	2165
20.	Rajasthan	281	317	330
21.	Tamil Nadu	2551	2703	2845
22.	Tripura	34	37	39
23.	Uttar Pradesh	519	536	566
24.	West Bengal	2279	2327	2330
25.	Sikkim	13	13	14
26.	A & N Islands	39	43	45
27.	Chandigarh	36	37	38
28.	Dadra & Nagar Havli	5	6	7
29.	Delhi	55	59	60
30.	Lakshadweep	3	4	4
31.	Pondicherry	10	13	11
32.	Daman & Diu	2	2	3
Total		21,115	21,984	22,913

[*Translation*]**Protection of Oysters**

189. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government  
have made any arrangements for the  
protection of oysters of the cultured pearls  
found only in Marine National Park zone  
near Positra in Jamnagar district of  
Gujarat;