

RAI): (a) and (b). Loans from the Sugar Development Fund, totalling Rs.578.44 crores have been disbursed till 31.1.1994 to sugar mills for modernisation/ rehabilitation of plant and machinery and for undertaking schemes of sugarcane development in their areas of operation;

(c) and (d). The per hectare yield of sugarcane for the last three years as under:

Year	Yields(tonnes/ha)
1990-91	65.39
1991-92	66.06
1992-93	63.81

(e) The target for sugarcane production for the VIII Plan has been fixed at 275 million tonnes to be achieved primarily through increase in his productivity. However, no Yield target has been assigned

[English]

Oilseeds Production

*11. SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target of oilseeds production fixed for the year 1993-94;

(b) whether the production is likely to touch the desired target:

(c) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the remedial steps being taken/

proposed to be taken to achieve the desired target;

(e) whether the Government propose to bring more areas under the oilseeds cultivation so as to increase the production; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The production target of 21.0 million tonnes has been fixed for the year 1993-94.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f). It is programmed to increase area under oilseeds specially under Soyabean, Sunflower, Rabi-Summer Groundnut and Rapeseed & Mustard in the States of M.P., Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala States.

Exclusion Rich from PDS

*12. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to exclude the 'creamy layers' from the purview of Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES,