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63.	8302 Nizamuddin—Sambalpur Hirakud Express	3
64.	8476 Neelachal Express	1
65.	4095 Himalayan Queen	1

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Punctual running of passenger carrying trains engages the continuous attention at all levels and the entire machinery has been geared to improve the performance. Punctuality of trains is watched on daily basis at the Divisional, Zonal and Board's level. Special punctuality drives are carried out periodically and bad runners are specially monitored by senior officers. All detentions are analysed and corrective/preventive measures including punitive action taken promptly.

[Translation]

Production of Flowers

*90. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreement with other countries to increase the production and export of flowers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the production of flowers is likely to be increased as a result thereof; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned through such export?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[English]

Agricultural Research

*91. DR ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made in the agricultural research and extension programmes during the last three years, year wise;

(b) the break-up of such investment in the irrigated, rainfed and dryland farming areas, sector-wise;

(c) the percentage-wise proportion of these sectors in terms of cultivable land to the total cultivated land in the country;

(d) the percentage proportion in terms of output of these sectors; and

(e) the future plan for investment in agricultural research.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The investment made in agricultural research and agricultural extension programme in the last three years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1991-92	358.66
1992-93	369.78
1993-94	423.16

These does not include the expenditure incurred by different states.

(b) The break up of the above investment under different sectors are:

Year	Irrigated	Rainfed	Dryland	Total
1991-92	107.92	222.06	28.68	358.66
1992-93	113.42	226.18	30.18	369.78
1993-94	129.41	262.43	31.32	423.16

(c) The percentage-wise proportion of these sectors in terms of cultivable to cultivated land in the country is as under:

Irrigated	25.71%
Rainfed	40.49%
Dryland	18.44%

(d) The percentage proportion in terms of output in these sectors have been computed from the data available from the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture. These are:

Sector	Percentage
Irrigated	56.12
Rainfed	33.26
Dryland	10.61

(e) The Eighth Plan allocation for the Department of Agricultural Research and Education is Rs. 1300.01 crores. The Non-plan requirements are met on year to year basis.

The plan allocation in 1994-95 is Rs. 275 crore and proposed allocation for 1995-96 is Rs. 383.50 crore.

National Literacy Mission

*92. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

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

(a) whether an expert group has made a mid-term appraisal of the National Literacy Mission;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the group; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Education constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Arun Ghosh for making Status-cum-Impact evaluation of the Total Literacy