

(In million tonnes)

	1994-95	1993-94
Rice	81.16	80.30
Wheat	65.47	59.84
Coarse Cereals	30.35	30.81
Pulses	14.12	13.31
<b>Total foodgrains</b>	<b>191.10</b>	<b>184.26</b>

(d) and (e) There is only a marginal decrease in the production of coarse cereals during 1994-95 as compared to 1993-94 which may be attributed to unfavourable weather conditions.

(f) and (g) The rise in prices of coarse cereals was in tune with increase in prices for other foodgrains and general price rise during the period 1992 to 1994. However, prices of Jowar and Bajra have shown higher increase during the current year, which may be attributed partly to general price rise and partly to some shortfall in production of these commodities.

#### Farmers in Research Work

\*30. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH :  
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal regarding the involvement of farmers in research programmes with a view to boost the production of foodgrains in the country is under consideration of the Government,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) and (b) ICAR has recently launched an Institute Village Linkage Programme for technology assessment and refinement by involving farmers in a participatory mode. Also there is a programme known as 'Frontline Demonstration' under which on-farm testing of proven technologies of foodgrains is done on farmers, fields.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

\*31. DR. SUDHIR RAY :  
SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA :

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

(a) the total number of admissions for Kendriya Vidyalayas ordered by him under Special Dispensation for the year 1995-96 session till date;

(b) the number of such admissions made on recommendations of the Members of Parliament;

(c) whether these admissions have crossed the ten percentage ceiling; and

(d) if so, the details and justifications therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The total number of admissions ordered under special dispensation in Kendriya Vidyalayas are 9859 including a large number of cases recommended by Hon'ble Members of Parliament. The exact number is being ascertained and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) and (d) The percentage of such admissions is 13.85. In view of large demand the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan decided to accord permission for admission beyond 10 percent.

#### GIR Lions

\*32. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Lions from natural habitat in the Gir area are migrating to places in the coastal belt;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the migration of Gir Lions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Dispersal of population is a natural phenomenon in a territorial species like lion due to increase in its numbers and improvement of habitat conditions in peripheral areas.

(c) The lions inhabiting areas outside Gir are being provided full protection and their movement is being monitored constantly by the forest and wildlife staff. Awareness is also being generated among the local people about these straying lions.

#### State Farms Corporations

\*33. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN :  
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names and locations of the farms being run by the State Farms Corporation of India;

(b) the names of the farms fully owned by the Union Government and those owned by the State Governments;

(c) whether these farms have been suffering losses for the past several years;

(d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor, farm-wise;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the