

No imports made by Rourkela Steel Plant during 1992-93, 1993-94.

No imports made for DBM in Durgapur Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant & Alloy Steel Plant.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rs. 5650/- per tonne ex-works.

(e) and (f) . AML has been referred to BIFR. Their operating agency, SBI, Luknow, are working on the revival of AML. AML have requested SAIL and other promoters for assistance in its revival.

During BIFR proceedings on 22.2.96, directions were issued to SAIL and other promoters by BIFR Bench, to submit their proposal to the operating agency, for assisting to the best of their ability in the revival of AML. The case will come before BIFR again on 25.3.96.

Production of Rice and Wheat

1274. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average rate of per hectare production of rice and wheat during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the low yield per hectare in the several State; and

(c) the specific steps proposed to be taken to enhance

the yield to meet the growing demand of the increasing population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN): (a) State-wise average rate of per hectare production (yield) of rice and wheat is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The main reasons for low yield per hectare in some of the State may be attributed to agro-climatic and socio-economic characteristics of these States.

(c) The Integrated Cereals Development Programmes (ICDP)- Rice and Wheat based cropping systems are being implemented in all the major growing States to increase the productivity of these crops. The major components of the Programmes include .

(i) propogation of newly released high yielding varieties and replace the disease susceptible old varieties.

(ii) improvement of resource base of the farmers for timely field operations and sowings including incentives for implements and sprinkler irrigation sets.

(iii) transfer of technology through frontline and general demonstrations.

(iv) propoagation of integrated pest management.

In addition, effective price and market is also being provided.

STATEMENT

State-wise yield of Rice and Wheat

State/UTs	(in Kgs./Hectare)					
	Rice			Wheat		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	2439	2696	2625	@	@	@
Arunachal Pradesh	1014	1180	910	@	@	@
Assam	1308	1331	1350	1065	1278	1290
Bihar	806	1295	1305	1747	2105	2090
Goa	2562	2519	2519	@	@	@
Gujarat	1441	1403	1543	2225	1905	2723
Haryana	2659	2732	2801	3621	3619	3677
Himachal Pradesh	1347	1238	1358	1618	1104	1104
Jammu & Kashmir	1863	1857	1857	1396	1419	1419
Karnataka	2331	2317	2441	706	810	706
Kerala	2017	1977	1921	@	@	@
Madhya Pradesh	1024	1142	1187	1428	1631	1724
Maharashtra	1532	1602	1559	1174	1402	1449
Manipur	1799	2154	2139	@	@	@
Meghalaya	1094	1128	1154	@	@	@
Mizoram	1370	1550	1498	@	@	@
Nagaland	1304	1343	1279	@	@	@

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Orissa	1213	1452	1426	@	@	@
Punjab	3391	3507	3383	3770	4011	4090
Rajasthan	1234	1017	1089	2287	1719	2417
Sikkim	1286	1286	1286	1763	1763	1763
Tamil Nadu	3116	2927	3289	@	@	@
Tripura	1813	1915	1915	@	@	@
Uttar Pradesh	1773	1902	1867	2226	2306	2508
West Bengal	2010	2061	2159	2158	2060	2287
A & N Islands	2633	2631	2631	@	@	@
D & N Haveli	1947	1888	1888	@	@	@
Daman & Diu	@	@	@	@	@	@
Delhi	@	@	@	@	@	@
Pondicherry	2485	2156	2162	@	@	@
All India	1744	1888	1921	2327	2380	2553

@ Crop being unimportant, yield per hectare has not been calculated.

[Translation]

Diamond Mines Contract

1275 SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a contract has been awarded recently to the Reliance Group of Industries to explore Diamond mines in Jaspur-Raipur districts of Madhya Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

[English]

Farm Scientists

1276. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farm scientists have shown their grave concern and are worried about the protection of their valuable research from being stolen in view of new patent regime, intellectual property rights and GATT;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard, and

(c) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN): (a) to (c) : The Agreement on Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights under GATT provides for protection of plant varieties either through patents or through an effective sui-generis system or any combination thereof. It has been decided to

evolve a sui-generis system for protection of plant varieties. The proposed sui-generis system, *inter-alia*, seeks to protect the traditional rights of the farmers as well as rights of the plant breeders and researchers. Farm scientists have expressed certain concerns regarding the impact of patents intellectual property rights and GATT on research. The proposed legislation will enable farm scientists to get legal protection for the new varieties developed by them.

Transfer of Nuclear Technology to Pakistan by China

1277. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA) : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any efforts to mobilise support of leading countries at international fora against transfer of nuclear related technology to Pakistan by China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) : Government's concern regarding Pakistan's weapons oriented nuclear programme is well known. Government have seen press reports on supply of nuclear related equipment to Pakistan by China. These reports have been denied by China and Pakistan. We have conveyed our concerns in this regard, bilaterally to China, the US and certain other countries, as appropriate.

Fishery Harbours in Kerala

1278. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN :
SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: