

Production of Betel Leaf

*323. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Ministers of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is a major betel leaf growing State in the country;

(b) the details of betel leaf produced during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the government are earning foreign exchange from the export of betel leaf; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage its production for boosting its export?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Orissa is among the major betel leaf growing States in the country.

(b) Official estimates on State-wise area and production of betel leaves for last two years are not available. However, as per rough estimates, an area of 40,000 h.a. with an annual turnover of Rs. 700 crores has been estimated under betel leaf cultivation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage betel leaf cultivation and export include prophylactic action against disease outbreak, research by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on various aspects of disease and productivity including

screening of germplasm, biological/chemical control and use of different manures, fertilizers and micro-nutrients for increasing productivity. Government of India are implementing various schemes to promote the export of agricultural and processed foods which are available to betel leaf growers also.

Milk Production

*324. SRI NAWAL KISHORE RAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of milk during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90, State wise;

(b) whether there is shortfall in production of milk during the current year due to cyclic depression;

(c) if so, the reasons for this cyclic depression; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the cyclic depression in milk production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A Statement showing the Statewise estimates of production of milk during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is enclosed.

(b) Estimates of milk production for the current year are not yet available. Thus, it is difficult to conclude that there is a shortfall in production of milk during the year due to cyclic depression.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

STATEMENT

S.No.	State	Production of Milk ('000 tonnes)				
		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90		
1	2	3	4	5		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2807	2814	3030		
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	37	38	40		
3.	Assam	610	603	617		
4.	Bihar	2648	2826	3000		
5.	Goa	25	27	25		
6.	Gujarat	2997	3041	3351		
7.	Haryana	2558	2785	3151		
8.	Himachal Pradesh	478	500	529		
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	400	450	487		
10.	Karnataka	2189	2248	2291		
11.	Kerala	1426	1513	1600		

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		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90		
1	2	3	4	5	5	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4272	4382	4529		
13.	Maharashtra	2657	2800	3266		
14.	Manipur	77	80	82		
15.	Meghalaya	41	47	47		
16.	Mizoram	8	8	9		
17.	Nagaland	30	33	32		
18.	Orissa	423	434	455		
19.	Punjab	4365	4626	4972		
20.	Rajasthan	3911	4036	4217		
21.	Tamil Nadu	3109	3236	3410		
22.	Tripura	26	27	27		
23.	Uttar Pradesh	8595	8824	9145		

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		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90		
1	2	3	4	5		
24.	West Bengal	2664	2704	2805		
25.	Sikkim	22	25	27		
26.	All Union Territories	26296	299	304		
		46671	48408	51448		