

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Apart from contacts at the diplomatic level, three special envoys from Libya visited India between December 1991 & April 1992. Apart from bilateral subjects, in these talks Libya conveyed its position on the bombing of aircraft issue. We conveyed our position, including our efforts to promote a political solution.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. During these visits the Libya special envoys had stressed the need to reinvigorate the Nonaligned movement to make it an effective voice of the concerns and the rights of the third world.

[Translation]

Foodgrains Production

*725. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI SUKHDEV PASWAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment regarding the requirement and production of foodgrains in the country by 2000 A.D.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have drawn up any action plan to achieve this production target;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which productivity levels of various foodgrains, particularly that of wheat, rice, pulses and oil-seeds, are proposed to be raised by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The

foodgrains requirement of the country and its availability by 2000 AD has been assessed by the National Commission on Agriculture (1976) as 230 million tonnes based on population growth, per capita income increase etc.

(c) and (d). The production target for VIIIth Five Year Plan (1996-97) has been worked out as 210 million tonnes of foodgrains. A number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Crop Production Programmes are under implementation for improving production and productivity of various crops like wheat, rice, coarse grains, pulses and oilseeds.

(e) According to the National Commission on Agriculture, productivity levels to be achieved by 2000 AD will be as follows:-

| | (Tonnes/Ha.) |
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| Wheat | 2.9 |
| Rice | 2.5 |
| Pulses | 1.4 |
| Oilseeds | 1.02 |

Diplomatic Relations

*726. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries that have no mission/embassy in India;

(b) the efforts being made to give new dimensions to the relations with those countries;

(c) whether Indian mission/embassy is likely to be opened in those countries; and

(d) if so, the time by which these are