

16. Cosmetics
17. Aerosol propellants
18. Plastic Products

The Government is providing publicity to promote the scheme.

Research for Agricultural Production

2210. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the research being conducted by our agricultural universities so as to get a better yield from the crops in the country; and

(b) the additional quantity of the foodgrains likely to be produced in the country by the end of 1996 as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Agricultural Universities are pursuing location specific, need based and problem oriented research in the field of Agriculture for generation of varietal and crop management technologies for different agro-ecological situations. The main areas of research are :

1. Evolution of High yielding variety/hybrids in all agri-horticultural crops for irrigated and rainfed ecologies including breeder seed production.
2. Optimization of package of cultivation practices for maximization of yield.
3. Development of productive and economically sustainable Cropping Systems.
4. Appropriate plant protection measures with emphasis on integrated pest management.
5. Soils and Agronomy, Agro-forestry.

(b) According to the all India estimates of foodgrains production, the target for 1995-96 is 192.00 million tonnes.

Eco-Development Project

2211. SHRI S.D N R WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project for Eco-Development of seven sites including the Nagarhole National Park has been posed to the World Bank for assistance under the Global Environment Facility.

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating amount of assistance expected for the each site.

(c) whether the World Bank has not approved the above project and desired to talk to the local tribals launching agitation, before clearing the proposed project; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The objective of the Project is to conserve bio-diversity in seven major protected areas by increasing the collaboration between local people and Government managers and decreasing the negative interaction. The total project cost is estimated at US \$ 67 million, of which, US \$ 20 million would come from a Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant, and US \$ 28 million from an International Development Association (IDA) credit. Out of the balance of US \$ 19 million, the share of Government of India and the State Governments will be US \$ 15 million and that of the beneficiaries in the form of labour, will be US \$ 4 million. The expected amount for each of the seven sites to be spent over 5 years is as under:-

S. No.	Name of the site/State	Amount (In million US \$)
1.	Palamau - Bihar	7.93
2.	Gir - Gujarat	7.36
3.	Nagarhole - Karnataka	8.57
4.	Periyar - Kerala	8.74
5.	Pench - Madhya Pradesh	5.86
6.	Ranthambhore - Rajasthan	8.39
7.	Buxa - West. Bengal	7.44

(c) No, Sir. The Project has been negotiated with the World bank. The World Bank has not expressed their intentions to have a dialogue directly with the tribals.

(d) Does not arise.

Accident near Varanasi

2212. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a passenger train rammed into a tractor-trolley carrying a wedding party on May 26, 1996 on a railway crossing near Varanasi.

(b) if so, the number of casualties involved therein.

(c) whether the Government propose to launch a comprehensive scheme for manning and machanising all the level crossings in the country within a specified time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) In this accident, 21 occupants of tractor trolley were killed and 3 injured.

(c) and (d), it has been decided that no new unmanned level crossing will be added and the sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis.