

**Training and Visit System**

2258. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the implementation of the Training and Visit (T & V) System throughout the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the intended objectives of the T&V System on agricultural production have been achieved with particular reference to cereals and oil-seeds crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The implementation of the Training & Visit (T & V) System of Agriculture extension is being regularly reviewed through (i) Inter-disciplinary teams constituted by this Ministry for semi-annual review, (ii) regular surveys conducted by the Monitoring and Evaluation Units of the Agriculture Departments of the States, (iii) six-monthly reports in

respect of physical and financial progress, (iv) special studies on specific areas of extension management and (v) through National and Regional Workshops organised by Directorate of Extension.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(i) The Training & Visit System was first introduced in the country on a pilot basis in 1974-75 and was subsequently adopted in 17 major States commencing from 1977.

(ii) The primary objective of the T & V System is to strengthen the State Department of Agriculture to facilitate effective transfer of technology. As a result of the introduction of T & V system of Agriculture Extension, a professionally trained extension cadre has been built up and deployed in all the 17 States.

(iii) Production and productivity level of major crops have also shown a substantial increase which is indicated in the attached statement wherein extension efforts have contributed significantly.

**STATEMENT****I. Production levels cereals and oilseeds**

Sl. No.	Crop	Production (In million tonnes)		Productivity (Kg/ha.)	
		1977-78	1988-89	1977-78	1988-89
1	Rice . . . . .	52.67	70.67	1308	1688
2	Wheat . . . . .	31.75	53.99	1480	2241
3	Coarse cereals . . . . .	30.02	31.89	710	816
4	Bajra . . . . .	4.73	7.79	426	646
5	Oilseeds . . . . .	9.66	17.89	563	827

**II. Production levels other Crops**

Sl. No.	Crop	Production (In million tonnes)		Productivity (Kg/ha.)	
		1977-78	1988-89	1977-78	1988-89
1	Pulses . . . . .	11.97	13.70	510	589
2	Cotton . . . . .	7.24 (Million Bales)	8.69	157	202
3	Sugarcane . . . . .	176.97	204.63	56160	60673

**Source:** Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

**Discussion between Foreign Secretary and the Prime Minister of China**

2259. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary of India held any discussions with the Prime Minister of China during his recent visit to China;

(b) if so, the details of bilateral issues that figured in the discussion; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Foreign Secretary called on the Chinese Premier Mr. Li Peng in Beijing on May 13, 1991 during his visit to China for the third meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question.

(b) Bilateral issues discussed during the meeting covered the boundary question, Tibetan activities in India, India's concern about Chinese missile supplies to Pakistan, and the forthcoming visit of the Chinese Premier to India.

On the boundary question, both sides reaffirmed that further efforts should be made towards resolving the issue in a fair, reasonable and mu-

tually acceptable manner in keeping with national interests and national sentiments.

The Chinese side referred to the activities of Tibetan refugees in India. The Foreign Secretary reiterated the Government of India's consistent stand that Tibet is an autonomous region of China and that activities incompatible with this position are not permitted on the Indian soil.

The Foreign Secretary also conveyed to the Chinese Premier India's concern about the supply of sophisticated arms and technologies, including missiles, to Pakistan by China.

Foreign Secretary informed the Chinese Premier that the Government and people of India were looking forward to his visit to this country.

(c) The invitation to Premier Li Peng to visit India has been renewed by the Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao.

The two Governments are continuing their efforts to resolve all outstanding issues through peaceful dialogue.

**Production of Betel Leaves**

2260. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be