(b) if so, the details thereof?

Written Answers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRIK.C. LENKA) (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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## Bilateral Relationship with United **Kinadom**

3508. SHRIGOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Wilithe Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to strengthen further the bilateral relationship with the United Kingdom:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the programme of action drawn up by both the countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Regular and frequent exchange of high-level visits between the two countries have resulted in better mutual understanding which in turn has had a beneficial impact on Indo-UK cooperation in various fields.

Prime Minister had a meeting with UK Prime Minister John Major in Harare in Oct' 91: External Affairs Minister met his UK counterpart in New York in September, 1991; and the Minister of State visited London in November, 1991. The British Foreign Secretary Mr. Douglas Hurd and Prince Charles are scheduled to visit India in the third week of January, 1992 and February, 1992 respectively.

The new liberal economic policies of the Government of India have been widely publicised in UK and the British industry has been invited to invest more in India.

## Agricultural Production in Eastern States

3509. SHRIGOPINATH: GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes introduced by the Government to increase agricultural production in the Eastern States particularly in Orissa: and
- (b) the Central assistance given to Orissa under these schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLYRAMACHANDRAN)(a) and (b). A statement showing the Central/ Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented in the Eastern States particularly in Orissa which directly help to increase the production of agricultural crops and the Central assistance provided to Orissa State under these schemes during the last three years is enclosed.

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	Central/Centrally Sponsored		Financial Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)	n lakhs)
	Scheme	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
<u> -</u>	Minikit Programme of Rice	7.15	9.10	30.25
٠ دن	Minikit Programme of Maize	1.19	1.18	•
က်	Integrated Programme of Rice Development (IPRD)	454.04	537.00	557.06
4	Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) on Maize			15.00
ശ്	Special Foodgrains Production Production Programme (SFPP) of Pulses	13.00	5.50	10.50
<b>ග්</b> .	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	9.79	13.00	31.48
۲.	Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers (ASMF) for Increasing Agricultural Production	927.23	368.37	267.95
ထံ	Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP)	•	0.23	0.11

is:	Central/Centrally Sponsored	•	Financial Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)	n lakhs)
No.	Scheme	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
ග්	Special Jute Development Progra- mme (SJDP)	29.80	32.71	9.61
.0	National Oliseeds Development Project (NODP)	57.05	69.30	•
Ë	Oilseeds Productrion Thrust Programme (OPTP)	259.20	179.20	•
12.	Oliseeds Production Programme (OPP)		•	271.39