

**Estimated Foodgrains Yield from Rabi Crop**

381. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated amount of foodgrains yield from the Rabi Crop during the year 1984-85 so far, item wise, and how the same compares with the targets fixed under the Sixth Plan ; and

(b) the targets of procurement fixed for the same, item-wise and State-wise and the steps taken in that regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Sixth Plan Production targets for 1984-85 for the Rabi Foodgrains-itemwise are as under :

Crop	Production target (million tonnes)
Rice (Summer)	4.50
Wheat	45.60
Coarse Cereals	5.30
Cereals	55.40
Gram	5.85
Pulses	8.43
Foodgrains	63.83

Production estimates for 1984-85 for the above crops have not yet become due. In most of the States even harvesting is yet to commence. Hence, it is too early to give any firm estimates of likely production.

(b) The procurement of wheat etc. at support prices takes place under voluntary offers by the farmers, and as such no targets for the same are fixed.

**Production of Wheat, Rice and Pulses**

382. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice and each pulse crop produced from 1981 to 1984, State-wise and year-wise ;

(b) efforts made to increase production of each of the above crops; and

(c) the criteria Government propose to adopt to rationalise resources, allocations and their efficient utilisation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Year-wise and State-wise production estimates of wheat, rice, gram, tur and other pulses (Kharif and Rabi separately) are available in published form in the publication entitled 'Area and Production of Principal crops in India 1981-84' and its Supplement issued by the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, which has been supplied to Parliament Library.

(b) Efforts made to increase production of rice, wheat, pulses and other crops include :

- i) a massive programme of irrigation development under which particular attention is paid to cover small and marginal farms.
- ii) extension support to increase average yields;
- iii) provision of adequate credit, supply of inputs, particularly of seeds, fertilisers and pesticides, large-scale distribution of minikits, assured supply of diesel and electricity for agricultural operation during critical periods of crop growth; and
- iv) appropriate price support measures for different crops.

Special programmes for achieving a break-through in the productivity of pulses have been undertaken under the New 20-Point Programme.

An accelerated production programme for increasing production of rice in the eastern region has been taken up. Under this Plan the constraints to productivity will be identified at the block level and development programmes formulated to overcome these constraints.

(c) Rational allocation and utilisation of limited resources of land, water and inputs, particularly seeds, fertilisers, credit and pesticides with due consideration of economic, agro-climatic and other relevant factors has been the main strategy for augmenting agricultural production and productivity

#### Implementation of RLEGP

383. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has introduced a scheme to register workers under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) ;

(b) if so, the purpose of the introduction of such scheme ;

(c) the progress made in implementing Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme in 1983-84 and 1984-85 in different States ; and

(d) the State-wise target set for implementing Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme in the above years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The progress of expenditure and employment generation under the RLEGP for 1983-84 and 1984-85 alongwith the State-wise target for employment generation for 1984 85 is indicated in the attached statement. No State wise target for employment generation was fixed for 1983-84.