

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase rice production in West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The productivity of rice in West Bengal has increased from 1200 kgs/hectare in 1979-80 to 1478 kgs/hectare in 1983-84. The area coverage under high-yielding varieties of rice increased from 16.50 lakh hectares to 20.10 lakh hectares during the same period.

(c) and (d) A statement giving the minimum and maximum productivity and production of paddy in terms of rice achieved during the last five years in West Bengal and other selected States is enclosed.

(e) The steps taken by the Government to increase the productivity of rice inter-alia, include :

- (i) Increase in irrigated area under the crop ;
- (ii) Increased use of HYV and certified seeds ;
- (iii) Efficient water management and ensuring availability of water at critical stages of transplantation/crop growth ;
- (iv) Increased application of fertilisers and need-based use of micro-nutrients ;
- (v) Adequate plant protection measures ;
- (vi) Development of technology suitable for problematic areas ;
- (vii) Launching of a special rice production programme in Eastern States including West Bengal.
- (viii) Adoption of appropriate pricing procurement policies.

Statement

Minimum/Maximum Productivity and Production of Rice in Selected States, 1979-80—1983-84

State	Productivity Kgs/Hectare		Production (Lakh Tonnes)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
West Bengal	1018	1478	49.5	79.4
Andhra Pradesh	1818	2109	63.1	85.7
Uttar Pradesh	505	1264	25.5	67.9
Madhya Pradesh	383	970	18.2	47.4
Punjab	2606	3144	30.4	45.5

[Translation]

Documentary Films on the Life of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

4749. **SHRI LALA RAM KEN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of documentary films with the Television Directorate on the life of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, on weaker sections of society and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) the number of times, T.V. Centre-wise, these films were shown during the last one year ; and

(c) the number of documentary films proposed to be made on the life of and the contributions made by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar in the near future and the arrangements made for their telecast.

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) The films Division documentary titled "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar" was telecast 7 times by various Doordarshan Kendras during the period 1-4-81 to 31-3-85.

As regards the number of TV programmes on the life of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambed-

kar, on weaker sections of the society and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, produced and telecast during the said period by various Doordarshan Kendras, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Doordarshan proposes to make 2 TV programmes on the life and contributions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. The present production programme of Films Division also includes one documentary film on the subject.

[English]

Suggestions from IAAS for Rural Development

4750. SHRI K. PRADHANI :

SHRI M. SUBBA REDDY :

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

(a) whether the Indian Association for the Advancement of Science has suggested some measures for rural development and poverty alleviation ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have examined those suggestions ; and

(d) if so, the action taken for implementing those suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) No, Sir. Government did not receive any recommendation from the Association.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Housing Projects During 1985-86 by HUDCO

4751. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned 97 new housing projects during 1985-86 ;

(b) if so, the name of the States where these new projects will be constructed ;

(c) whether any such new project has been sanctioned for Orissa ;

(d) which group of people will be benefited on completion of these projects ; and

(e) the amount sanctioned to Orissa for implementing these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a) At the 86th Meeting of its Board of Directors held on 5-3-1985, HUDCO has sanctioned 97 new housing projects. All these projects were sanctioned in financial year 1984-85.

(b) These projects are in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) Three of these projects are in Orissa.

(d) The three projects in Orissa will benefit the families belonging to economically weaker sections in the rural and urban areas and low income group in urban areas.

(e) HUDCO has sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 174.64 lakhs for the three projects in Orissa.

Allotment of Houses to Freedom Fighters

4752. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the quota of houses/quarters fixed by Government for the freedom fighters ;

(b) whether some quarters have been allotted to them ; if so, their number ; and

(c) the number of applications pending for allotment and the action being taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) ;

(a) No quota of Government residential accommodation has been fixed for Freedom Fighters. Each request is considered on merits in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs ;