

of pulses and oilseeds in the State and to build up quality seeds at farmer's level;

(b) the actual achievement as compared to the target fixed for the Sixth Plan ;

(c) the reasons for shortfall, if any ;

(d) the target fixed for such schemes in the Seventh Plan ; and

(e) the funds allotted/proposed for such schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) In 1983-84, a programme of free distribution of minikits of seeds and fertilisers for oilseeds and pulses production to the small and marginal farmers was launched under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production in all the States including West Bengal.

(b) The number of minikits distributed under this scheme as reported by the West Bengal Government as against the targets is given below :—

(Number of minikits in lakh)

Year	Targets		Achievements	
	Oilseeds	Pulses	Oilseeds	Pulses
1983-84	0.67	0.67	1.78	2.71
1984-85	0.67	0.67	1.52	1.65

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The proposed annual target under this scheme for distribution of minikits of seeds of pulses, oilseeds, and coarse grains is 400 in each block during the Seventh Plan.

(e) Under this scheme an annual outlay of Rs. 0.50 lakh per block has been earmarked for distribution of minikits of seeds of pulses, oilseeds and coarse grains. This will be equally shared bet-

ween the State Government and Government of India.

Construction of Tunnel Plan by NDMC

1967. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of tunnel planned to link two of the New Delhi Municipal Committees underground facilities, namely the parking complex and Palika Bazar at Connaught Place have been discontinued and the plan itself is dropped ;

(b) if so, the reason therefor ; and

(c) the total loss incurred by the New Delhi Municipal Committee thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal to provide link passage between Palika Bazar and Palika Parking has been deferred by the NDMC for the following reasons :

(i) The major sewage system of the area would have to be dislocated. Any diversion of the system will involve considerable expenditure as well as causing inconvenience to public.

(ii) It will involve pumping of sewage through-out the year which is not considered practicable.

(c) No loss will be incurred by the New Delhi Municipal Committee on this account.

Production of groundnut

1968. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the productivity of groundnuts in India was 935 kg. per hectare in 1975-76 which fell to 732 kg. per hectare in 1982-83 and was 935 kg.

per hectare in 1983-84 which did not pick up in 1984-85 despite claims of Indian Council of Agricultural Research/Agri-cultural University/CLUSA project for breakthrough in improved seeds;

(b) whether the corresponding production in Israel is 5652 kg. per hectare and 3400 kg. per hectare in Malaysia; and

(c) if so, whether India could import/borrow the seeds and technology from these countries or through CLUSA project from USA/Canada the sponsors of CLUSA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The productivity of groundnut in India during the selected years are as under :

Year	Productivity (Kgs./ha)
1975-76	935
1982-83	732
1983-84	940
1984-85	870

The decline in productivity during 1982-83 and 1984-85 had been due to adverse weather conditions in large parts of the country. Groundnut being predominantly a rainfed crop, its yield is highly dependent upon rainfall and weather conditions during the crop season. However, the long term trend (1967-68 to 1984-85) in the productivity of groundnut in India indicates a steady growth rate of 1.16 per cent per annum.

(b) The production of groundnut per hectare in Israel and Malaysia in the year 1983 were 4314 kgs. and 3508 kgs. respectively.

(c) Intensive research efforts in the country have yielded substantial results by way of the development of drought-tolerant, disease-resistant varieties which are expected to bring stability in the

production of groundnut. National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is currently implementing 'The Project for restructuring edible oil and oilseeds production and marketing' with the assistance from the Cooperative League of USA (CLUSA) and Cooperative Union of Canada (CUC). Under this project, gift oil is being imported and with the funds generated by the sale of such gift oil, the improved technology in this country is being transferred to the cultivators through demonstrations, film shows and training programmes etc.

CLUSA oilseeds project of NDDB

1969. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prime objectives of CLUSA oilseeds project of the National Dairy Development Board was aimed to improve productivity of oilseeds in the project area and whether this has been achieved through improved oilseeds etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that having failed in this prime objective, N.D.D.B. is increasingly turning to marketing, advertising and publicity through sale of Growfed vegetable oil and Amul Butter through Mother Dairy booths in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that dilapidated Bhavnagar vegetable oil factory taken over by N.D.D.B. against clear orders of Ministry of Agriculture is running into losses; and

(d) whether Government have any effective and immediate corrective steps in mind to ensure that there is no long list of sick units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The title of the Project is 'Restructuring edible oil and oilseeds production and marketing' and not CLUSA oilseeds project. The project is being run with the assistance from the Cooperative League of USA (CLUSA) and the Cooperative Union of Canada (CUC).