

Oilseeds Production

1407. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of oilseeds in 1991-92 was higher than previous year;

(b) if so, the total oilseeds output during 1991-92 against the target set;

(c) whether in spite of increase in oilseeds output the prices of the oilseeds continue to be on higher side;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the actual demand of the oilseeds at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Against the target of 185.0 lakh tonnes of oilseeds production during 1991-92, the estimated production is 183.4 lakh tonnes as compared to the production of 183.6 lakh tonnes in 1990-91.

(c) Prices of mustard oil/mustard seed and groundnut oil/seed are lower now compared to those of corresponding period of last year.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The demand of edible oils for the Oil Year 1991-92 as projected by the Planning Commission is 62.9 lakh MTs.

Proposal to Generate Employment for Urban Educated Unemployed youths

1408. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government

propose to generate employment for the urban educated unemployed youths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). A scheme of Self Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) is being implemented by the Ministry of Industry. The objective of this scheme is to encourage the educated unemployed youth to undertake self employment ventures in industry, service and business through the provision of a packages of assistance including a 25% capital subsidy of the loan sanctioned. The scheme covers all educated unemployed youth within the age group of 18-35 years who are matriculates and have an annual family income less than Rs. 10,000/- The scheme extends to all rural areas and towns with a population less than 10 lakhs as per 1981 census. During 1991-92, 76,000 loan cases were sanctioned to beneficiaries.

The Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises of the Nehru Rozgar Yojana is designed for providing self-employment opportunities to persons living below the poverty line in urban areas. The scheme envisages skill upgradation and provision of a 25% subsidy of the project cost. The scheme does not stipulate any educational qualifications and is therefore not specifically targeted to the urban educated unemployed. The scheme is applicable in all urban settlements. Since the inception of the scheme in 1989, about 2.47 lakhs number of beneficiaries have been provided subsidy for setting up micro enterprises.

National Poultry Development Board

1409. SHRI V. SOBHANADRESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a final decision to create National Poultry Development Board;

(b) if so, the details regarding the functions and composition of the proposed Board;

(c) whether the Government propose to take steps to boost the export of Poultry products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). A proposal to establish a National Poultry Development Board has been included in the 8th Five Year Plan. The details in this regard are being worked out.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) the following steps been proposed:-

- i) Introduction of International Price Reimbursement Scheme for certain essential feed ingredients for poultry has been proposed.
- ii) Development of infrastructural facilities.
- iii) Reduction in charges levied by inspecting agencies for issue of Health Certificates.
- iv) Sending of trade promotion delegations explore possibilities of export of poultry products.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

International Conference/Seminars

1410. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international conferences/seminars on Agriculture and allied activities held in the country during 1991-92;

(b) whether India participated at each of these conference/seminars; and

(c) the main conclusion arrived at each of these conferences/seminars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected.

[English]

Production of Free Gas

1411. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the quantity of free gas produced in the Bombay offshore and Bombay High and other offshore fields during the last three years, year-wise and field-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Non-associated (or "free gas") is produced only in South Bassin field in the Western offshore. 2628.4, 3682.3 and 5224.6 million cu. mts. of non-associated gas have been produced during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively.

Food Processing Centres for Research and Development

1412. SHRI M.V.V.S MURTHY:
DR. D. VENKATESWARA
RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised any scheme for setting up of Food Processing Centres for research and development of proper equipment for food processing during the Eighth plan;