

and higher allocation during the Eighth Plan, endeavour is being made to augment agricultural production. For raising production in rainfed areas, which account for bulk of the cropped area the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, is being implemented vigorously. The policy of announcing remunerative support prices to the growers for their produce is also acting as an incentive to raise crop production. The thrust of efforts is also directed to raise crop production in the areas hitherto lagging behind, particularly Eastern Region.

[Translation]

Sugar Mills

2753. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA
DEVISINGH PATIL:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Sugar Mills set up in the recent past have started production;

(b) if so, the name of such Sugar Mills;

(c) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to these Sugar Mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The names of the sugar mills which have gone into production in the recent past, i.e. during the current 1993-94 season (October to September) upto 28th February, 1994, are given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(c) Central Government does not provide any financial assistance for setting up of new sugar mills.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Names of the Sugar Mills which started crushing operation for the first time during the season 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of the Mill	Location
1.	M/s. Venus Sugars Ltd.	Mazhawali (Bhartra), Teh. Sambhal, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.
2.	M/s. Willard India Ltd.	Agota, District Bulandshahr Uttar Pradesh.
3.	M/s. Rana Sugars Ltd.	Baba-Bakala, District, Amritsar, Punjab.
4.	Shri Adhinath Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.	Shelgaon-Bhalwani, Post Jeur, Taluk Karmala, District Solapur, Maharashtra.

Sl. No.	Name of the Mill	Location
5.	M/s. Jai Kisan SSK Ltd.	Borbadi, Teh. Darwha, District Yavatmal, Maharashtra.
6.	M/s. Sakthi Sugars Ltd.	Haripur Village, Teh. Dhenkanal Sadar, District Dhenkanal, Orissa.
7.	M/s. Ponni Sugars & Chemicals Ltd.	Bolangir, Orissa.
8.	M/s. Western India Sugars & Chemicals Industries Ltd.	Dharamgarh, Teh. Dharamgarh, District Kalahandi, Orissa.

[English]

Chandigarh-Ludhiana Rail Lines

2754. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Chandigarh-Ludhiana Rail Line has been sanctioned and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether work has been undertaken and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Literacy

2755. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country where the target of full literacy has been achieved;

(b) whether the Union Government have verified the claims made by the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the name of the agency through which the enquiry has been conducted and the outcome of the enquiry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). The NLM (National Literacy Mission) has the given target age-group of 15-35 for imparting functional literacy. The NLM has adopted the TLC (Total Literacy Campaign) in the districts as the principal strategy for covering 80 million persons in the target age-group by 1995. As of February 1994, TLCs have been taken up in 258 districts (with full or partial coverage.) Of these, 80 districts have also started the post-literacy phase to consolidate the literacy skills of the neo-literates.

The expression 'Total Literacy' does not signify a hundred per cent coverage