· · ·	otal No. f Blocks	DDP	DPAP	ITDP	DHA	Less over- lapp- ing	Total
Punjab	118	_	_	_	_	_	******
Rajasthan	236	85	30	23	_	16	122
Sikkim	4		-	4	_	_	4
Tamil Nadu	384	_	43	9	4	_	56
Tripura ·	18	_	_	18	_	_	18
Uttar Pradesh	897	_	87	4	56	2	145
West Bengal	341	_	34	119	9	34	128
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	s 5	_	_	2	_	_	2
Chandigarh	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	_	_	1	_	_	1
Daman & Diu	2	_	_	1	_	_	1
Delhi	5	_	_	_	_	_	_
Lakshadweep	5	_	_	5	_	_	5
Pondicherry	6		-	_	_	-	_
Total:	5196	143	602	1073	69	135	1752

The number of Blocks in Uttar Pradesh is reported as 145 by the State Government. Andhra Pradesh has confirmed that erstwhile Blocks equivalent of Mandals identified as 120 only. In sikkim, districts have been taken as Blocks equivalents, partly covered under ITDP.

Delicencing of Sugar Industry

2802. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to delicence the sugar industry; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP

NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The present policy of licencing of sugar mills, including the option of delicensing, is under examination.

New High Yielding Varieties of Rice

2803. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the areas (in hectares) under rice-cultivation in the rice-producing States and the Union Territories in the country;
- (b) the average yield per hectare during the last three years;
- (c) whether the scientists at the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack (CRRI) has recently developed new highyeilding varieties of rice; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Statement giving area under rice cultivation in the rice-producing States and Union Territories for 1992-93 is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) The average yield of rice in the county during the last 3 years is as follows:—

			(Kgs./Hect.)
1990-91		_	. 1740
1991-92		-	1751
1992-93	•		1744

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Scientists at the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack (CRRI)

have recently developed six new high yielding rice varieties namely: Heera, Lunisree, Cr 1002, Seema, Sneha and Vandana.

STATEMENT

Estimates of area under total rice

(in '000' Hectares)

State/U.T.	Area during 1992-93
Andhra Pradesh	3561.7
Arunachal Pradesh	115.3
Assam	2522.6
Bihar	4383.2
Goa	54.8
Gujarat	575.6
Haryana	703.0
Himachal Pradesh	81.9
Jammu & Kashmir	282.2
Karnataka	1275.0
Kerala	537.7
Madhya Pradesh	5071.5
Maharashtra	1542.5
Manipur	149.7
Meghalaya	102.3
Mizoram	61.3
Nagaland	134.0