

(c) and (d). The projects for distribution are for about 7.2 million MTs of foodgrains (Wheat and Rice) per annum for Revamped Public Distribution System introduced in 1752 identified Blocks in backward areas, w.e.f. 1.6.1992. The foodgrains distributed so far is about 50% of the projected quantities.

[English]

Illiteracy

116. SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to eradicate illiteracy in the country before the end of the present century;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the present total Literacy Campaign is adequate for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). Universalisation of Elementary Education, Non-Formal Education for school drop-outs and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates form a part of a larger strategy for eradication of illiteracy in the country.

The National Literacy Mission was set up in 1988 to impart functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates by 1995 in the target group which is the 15-35 age-group. The principal strategy for eradication of illiteracy among the target group is through Total Literacy Campaigns. It is proposed to cover 345 districts under the total literacy campaigns by the end of the Eighth Plan. The National Development Council Committee on Literacy has suggested covering 105.8 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group through the Adult Education Programmes of the National Literacy Mission by the end of the Eighth Plan.

NPK Fertilizers

117. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consuming of NPK fertilizers in India has been decline considerably since 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantum of NPK Fertilizers utilised during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c). The consumption of fertilizer nutrients during 1992-93 is estimated at 121.53 lakh tonnes as against 127.28 lakh tonnes during 1991-92 showing a decline of about 4.52 percent. The table below gives the consumption of fertilizer nutrients during the last three years:

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	N	P	K	N+P+K
1990-91	79.97	32.21	13.28	125.46
1991-92	80.46	33.21	13.61	127.28
1992-93	84.26	28.43	8.84	121.53

The decline in the consumption of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is mainly due to the increase in their prices consequent on their decontrol with effect from 25.8.1992.

Capitation Fees

118. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union government propose to issue guidelines on the questions of receiving capitation fees for admission to Professional College in view of the recent Supreme Court judgement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Expert Committee has been set up to draft guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJI): (a) Yes, Sir. The All India Council for Technical Education Regulations for technical education and University Grants Commission Regulations for higher education under the respective Acts are proposed to be issued.

(b) The draft guidelines are under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d). Expert Committees were set up and they have prepared draft guidelines which are under consideration of the Government.

Milk Supply

119. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delhites getting "Spurious Milk" appearing in the 'Patriot' dated January 17, 1994;

(b) whether sub-standard milk is being supplied to Delhites by private milk suppliers in collusion with the management of Delhi Milk Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) It had come to the notice of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) that some private suppliers were marketing milk in pouches identical/deceptively similar in design and colour scheme to the pouches of those which were being used by DMS. The DMS filed suits in the Delhi High Court against those companies. The High Court inter-alia had restrained those companies/firms from marketing, selling or distributing milk in pouches deceptively similar in design in colour scheme to those of DMS.

In order to make public aware of such practices, the DMS also issued a "Caution