

Production of Sugarcane

5036. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of sugarcane in the country during 1994-95, against the target fixed for the year, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for shortfall registered, if any;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any programme for providing more technical know how to the farmers especially of Uttar Pradesh to boost the production of sugarcane; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) State-wise targets fixed for production of sugarcane for the year 1994-95 are given in the Statement enclosed. Final estimates of production of sugarcane for 1994-95 have not yet become due from the States. However, as per assessment available from the States. Total production of sugarcane in the country during 1994-95 is likely to be about 250.21 million tonnes which is higher than the target of 250.0 million tonnes fixed for the year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on sugarcane has been proposed to be implemented during the remaining period of Eighth Five Year Plan in 21 States including Uttar Pradesh. Under this Scheme, emphasis is proposed to be given on training to the farmers, farm workers including women on newly developed production technology, demonstration, quality seed production, distribution of improved implements etc.

STATEMENT

Targets of Sugarcane in Different States for the Year 1994-95

(In '000' tonnes in terms of cane)

State	Targets
1.	2
Andhra Pradesh	13500
Assam	2000
Bihar	8500
Gujarat	10500
Haryana	8500
Himachal Pradesh	-
Jammu & Kashmir	-
Karnataka	20500
Kerala	600
Madhya Pradesh	2200
Maharashtra	35000

1	2
Orissa	5000
Punjab	8000
Rajasthan	1300
Tamil Nadu	25000
Uttar Pradesh	107200
West Bengal	1200
Others	1000
All India	250000

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

5038. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision had been taken by the Government to convert the Meter Gauge Line into Broad Gauge Line between Raipur to Dhamantari;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of work done till March 31, 1995 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c). A survey for the Gauge conversion of Raipur-Dhamtari narrow gauge line to broad gauge is being taken up in 95-96. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Railway Line

5039. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in regard to construction of ongoing Bilaspur-Champa-Tihri Railway Line under Bilaspur Division of South Eastern Railways;

(b) whether the above route would be restricted to Champa only or it would be extended further and if so, upto what extent; and

(c) the time by which the route under construction is likely to be completed and the cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Educational Survey

5040. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sixth All India Education Survey has been completed;