

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	Total Poultry
12.	Madhya Pradesh	9371
13.	Maharashtra	24828
14.	Manipur	3018
15.	Meghalaya	1590
16.	Mizoram	838
17.	Nagaland	1124
18.	Orissa	12597
19.	Punjab	15276a
20.	Rajasthan	2605
21.	Sikkim	254
22.	Tamil Nadu	21567
23.	Tripura	1865
24.	Uttar Pradesh	9317
25.	West Bengal	35823a
<b>Union Territories</b>		
1.	A & N Island	433
2.	Chandigarh	169
3.	D & N Haveli	100
4.	Delhi	220a
5.	Lakshadweep	51
6.	Pondicherry	108
<b>All India</b>		<b>258335</b>

a : States which have not conducted the census and have provided estimated number based on earlier censuses.

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics and State Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

#### Development of Railway Station in West Bengal

1170. SHRI PRAMOTES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to modernise and development of Sealdah-Lalgola Railways Station in West Bengal under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have prepared any scheme for electrification from Krishnanagar to Berhampore;

(d) if so, the steps adopted towards the making of double line; and

(e) whether the Government have agreed to introduce DMU coaches from Ranaghat Junction to Lalgola Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Modernisation/development of Railway Stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by the traffic needs subject to availability of funds and relative priorities of various stations. Accordingly, works of provision/extension of platform shelters at Sealdaah, Kharda, Halisahar, Badkulla, Dum Dum, Kalinarayanpur, Chakdah, Lalgola, Kanchrpara, Palta & Krishnanagar City; provision of foot-over-bridges at Bhagwangola & Debagram; provision of public address system at Nalhati, Barrackpore & Ranaghat; provision of train indicator boards at Barrackpore,

Ranaghat & Dum Dum; improvement to circulating area at Sealdah & Beharampur Court; improvement to water supply at Murshidabad, Dum Dum & Kalyani; improvement to illumination and modernisation of stations at Kankinara, Shyamnagar, Ichapur & Palta, etc. have been taken up.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no proposal, at present, for introduction of DMU services on Ranaghat-Lalgola Section.

[Translation]

#### Meeting of Food Secretaries

1171. SHRI BOLLABULLI RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Food Secretary called a meeting of State Food Secretaries in January, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the sugar production of the country was discussed;

(c) whether Food Secretaries of the Sugar producing States gave assessment of sugar production;

(d) if so, whether any full assessment has been made by the Union Government in regard to sugar production in the country; and

(e) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to import sugar in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per present estimates, the production of sugar during the 1994-95 sugar season would be about 120.0 lakh tonnes.

(e) Till now, STC/MMTC have entered into forward contracts for import of sugar of about 3.63 lakh tonnes for July/August, 1995 deliveries. Further import of sugar will depend upon the production trends which will be reviewed again after March, 1995.

[English]

#### Fish/Shrimp Culture

1172. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAM CHANDRAN  
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total fish and shrimp production both marine and inland during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote fish/shrimp culture; and

(c) the Central as well as external assistance provided to the States for this purpose during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The information is as under:

Total Fish & Shrimp production (in lakh tonnes)

Year	Marine	Inland	Total
1992-93	25.76	17.89	43.65
1993-94(P)	26.88	19.93	46.81

(P) Provisional

The production in 1994-95 is known only after the year is over.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to promote fish/shrimp culture include expansion of aquaculture through propagation of semi-intensive techniques in tanks and ponds through the Fish farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs), semi-intensive prawn farming in brackish water through Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs) and through farms of private entrepreneurs, and extensive fish farming in reservoirs, especially through the cooperatives. Expansion of aquaculture activity is made possible through upgradation of technology, increased involvement of and encouragement of private sector for aquaculture related activities such as production of quality seed, feed and other inputs, creation of infra-structure for training of fish/shrimp farmers, and availability of credit.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

#### STATEMENT

*Central and External assistance released to the States/UTs under Fisheries Development Schemes*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Central Assistance			External Assistance	
		1992-93	1993-94 (upto 15-3-95)	1994-95	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Andhra Pradesh	238.54	76.80	199.00	300.00	89.06
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	8.00	13.00	2.86	—	—
3.	Assam	20.35	84.45	26.00	—	—
4.	Bihar	49.00	72.75	2.00	—	62.00
5.	Goa	4.70	7.45	2.00	—	—
6.	Gujarat	244.30	397.97	204.50	—	—
7.	Haryana	45.75	104.00	24.50	—	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12.10	7.11	2.00	—	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	12.00	27.00	2.00	—	—
10.	Karnataka	93.37	188.31	222.72	—	—
11.	Kerala	578.02	1040.38	972.47	—	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	65.46	202.66	89.50	—	—
13.	Maharashtra	23.20	241.95	377.41	—	—
14.	Manipur	34.00	7.00	5.00	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	1.00	1.00	—	—	—
16.	Mizoram	29.50	8.00	7.00	—	—
17.	Nagaland	27.00	2.00	41.00	—	—
18.	Orissa	1664.33	1376.08	167.87	466.00	20.26
19.	Punjab	61.00	27.00	26.00	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	33.43	38.09	34.50	—	—
21.	Sikkim	2.00	1.00	1.00	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	502.15	1189.54	491.71	—	—
23.	Tripura	14.18	24.73	29.00	—	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	178.37	235.37	173.22	12.00	66.00
25.	West Bengal	219.00	250.21	223.21	77.00	66.00
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.08	6.08	—	—	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—
28.	D & N Haveli	—	—	—	—	—
29.	Daman & Diu	4.70	8.38	10.72	—	—

	1992-93	1993-94 (upto 15-3-95)	1994-95	1992-93	1993-94
30. Delhi	—	—	—	—	—
31. Lakshadweep	0.53	0.80	—	—	—
32. Pondicherry	49.87	54.65	56.50	—	—

\*The Information shown is the assistance received by the states under the World Bank Assisted Shrimp & Fish Culture Project. The Information for 1994-95 is not available. Besides this, external assistance is also provided to the following states for promotion of fish culture for the period shown there-against:—

State	Amount	Period
1. Karnataka	Rs. 778.57 lakhs	1982-95
2. Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 22.20 lakhs	1988-97
3. Kerala	Rs. 39.42 lakhs	1992-96

The year-wise allocation are not available for the above.

[Translation]

#### Production of spices

1173. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rank of India in the world in the production of spices;

(b) whether the average production rate of spices in the country is much less as compared to other developed countries;

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

(d) whether any increase has been registered recently in the production of spices;

(e) if so, the average production rate thereof registered during the last three years indicating the present average production rate thereof;

(f) whether the spices have also been imported during the last few years;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the increase likely to be registered in the average production rate of spices in the country by the year 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per FAO's publication 'Food Balance sheet (1984-86)' India ranks fifth in the world in the production of spices.

(b) and (c) Details of reliable estimates of yield per hectare of spices in various countries are not available.

(d) and (e) Various spices have shown different behaviour in the trend of their production. However, all-India index of production (Base triennium ending 1981-82) of spices with average as 159.2 for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 has shown an increase of about 6.8% over the average value of index as 149.5 for the years 1991-92 and 1992-93.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The value of spices imported during 1993-94 (April-March) is estimated to be about Rs. 52.75 crore.

(h) The production of spices in the country is likely to register an average rate of growth of about 1% per annum upto the year 2000.

[English]

#### Railway Projects in Kerala

1174. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects launched by the railways in Kerala and the prescribed time-limit fixed for completion of each of these projects;

(b) the reasons for the delay in completion, if any;

(c) the revised time schedule for the completion;

(d) the original estimated cost of construction of these projects and the extent of escalation in cost; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to complete these projects as per the revised time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The details of the projects in Kerala are as under:—

S.No.	Project	Original estimated cost (Rupees in Crores)	Revised cost	Target Date for Completion
1	2	3	4	5
<b>A. Doubling</b>				
1.	Kuttipuram Calicut	60.00	60.00	96-97, subject to availability of resources.
2.	Kayankulam Quilon	42.17	59.67	30-6-95
3.	Quilon Trivandrum Central	76.41	81.23	97-98, subject to availability of resources.
<b>B. Railway Electrification</b>				
4.	Walayar Ernakulam (part of Erode-Ernakulam project)	100.00	100.00	March, 1998