

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). The preliminary Engg-cum-Traffic Survey for construction of a new MG railway line from Lalabazar to Vairengte (20.30 Kms) carried out in 83-84 at the instance of North-Eastern Council revealed that this project would cost Rs. 16.10 crores, and would have a negative rate of return. The present day cost would not be less than Rs. 50 crores. In view of the unremunerative nature of this line and the acute constraint of resources, this work could not be considered for being taken up.

[Translation]

Foodgrains

3183. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :
DR. MAHADEEPAK SING SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed per hectare targets in regard to productivity of various foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the maximum target fixed for per hectare productivity of wheat, rice, oil-seeds, pulses and coarsegrain and cotton; and

(c) the total productivity of these crops in the country during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The targets are fixed for production of various crops.

(b) The targets fixed for various crops during 1994-95 are as follows :

Crop	Targets (Million tonnes)
Wheat	58.50
Rice	78.50
Oilseeds	22.00
Pulses	15.50
Coarse Grains	36.50
Cotton	12.50 (Million bales of 170 kgs. each)

(c) Final estimates of yield per hectare based on crop cutting experiments have not yet become due from States for all the crops. However, as per available information, the likely productivity of wheat, rice, oilseeds, pulses, coarsegrains and cotton during 1994-95 is as follows :

Crop	Yield (Kgs. per hectare)
1	2
Wheat	2371
Rice	1954
Oilseeds	831

1	2
Pulses	573
Coarsegrains	948
Cotton	251

Supply of Seeds

3184. SHRI KUNJEE LAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any guidelines in regard to the supply of seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether no importance has been given to the implementation of these guidelines; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[English]

Railway Stations

3185. SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRI P. KUMARASAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the major railway stations presently being expanded and developed in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount spent on expansion and modernisation of railway stations during 1993-94 and 1994-95, separately;

(c) whether the Government propose to take up expansion, renovation and modernisation of railway stations in the state during 1995-96;

(d) if so, the names of railway stations identified for the purpose; and

(e) the amount allocated for each of these railway stations?

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

Ayurvedic Doctors

3186. SHRI LALIT DRAON : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recruited Ayurvedic doctors against Railway Board's direction issued vide No. 77/H/IS/4 dated 21 March, 1977;