

(b) As on 28.11.95, the State Trading Corporation was holding a stock of 17,953 tonnes of imported palmolein PDS.

(c) The purchase of edible Oils for meeting the requirements of PDS is made by STC in the international market in CIF (Cost Insurance Freight) basis. The value of each of these charges is not available separately. As stated in reply to part (a) export of Edible Oils is made only in 5 Kg. packs and not in bulk. The FDB rates for export of edible oil are not available. The domestic prices of edible oil are domestic prices of edible oil are different for each variety.

[Translation]

#### PRODUCTION OF PULSES

1392. **Shri Mohan Rawale :**  
**Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar :**

Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had taken certain measures to increase the production of Pulses in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the extent to which these efforts have been successful to increase the production of various Pulses in the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to take some other measures to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of Pulses in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture (Shri Arvind Netam) :** (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 25 States and Union Territory of Andaman Nicobar Islands. Under the Project Assistance is provided to the farmers on production and distribution of seeds, Rhyzobial cultures, sprinklers sets, improved farm implements etc. Further production technologies are being disseminated through Frontline Demonstrations by ICAR and Block Demonstrations by State Department of Agriculture.

(c) The production of pulses has increased to 14.46 million tonnes in 1994-95 than 12.02 million tonnes obtained in 1991-92.

(d) and (e) The Gap is bridged through imports. The quantity imported during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 was 3.83, 6.28 and 5.55 lakh tonnes respectively. During the current financial year (April to August) the quantity imported is 11.37 lakh tonnes.

#### LITERACY DRIVE

1393. **Dr. Sakshiji :** Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of grant provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh under Literacy Drive during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount utilised out of the grant during the said period; and

(c) the percentage of primary schools brought under this programme in Uttar Pradesh?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja) :** (a) During 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 Grants-in-aid of Rs.9.58 Crores, Rs. 25.67 Crores and Rs. 22.62 Crores respectively were released for Literacy programmes in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) So far Rs. 23.10 Crores only have been utilised as Literacy Campaigns are in different stages of implementation.

(c) Primary Schools are not covered by Literacy Programmes under the National Literacy Mission.

[English]

#### WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE SCHEMES

1394. **Shri Jagat Vir Singh Drona :** Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to paucity of funds, many Women and Child Welfare Schemes have come to stands till in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Women and Child Development) (Kumari Vimla Verma) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### BRANCHES OF NAFED

1395. **Shri Rampal Singh :**  
**Dr. Ramesh Chand Tomar :**  
**Shri Satya Deo Singh :**  
**Shri Pankaj Chowdhary :**

Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :