

B. MORTALITY FIGURE :

State/NP Sanctuary wise	1994		1995**	
	Killed by poachers	Untimely/ Natural Death	Killed by Poachers	Untimely/ Natural Death
*1. Assam	31	42	35	69
2. West Bengal				
(a) Jaldapara	Nil	2	Nil	3
(b) Gorumara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. Uttar Pradesh				
(a) Dudhwa N.P.	Nil	NA	Nil	NA

* Total figure of mortality in the States, National Parks/ Sanctuary-wise figures are not available.

** Upto 30th September, 1995

[Translation]

ANNUAL RATE OF AFFORESTATION

1461. **Shri Mahesh Kanodia :**
Shri Lall Babu Rai :

Will the Minister of Environment and Forests be pleased to state :

(a) whether the annual rate of afforestation in the country has been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it was fixed;

(c) whether the target achieved in respect of annual rate of afforestation has been maintained;

(d) if not, the decline in the annual rate of afforestation together with the reasons therefore; and

(e) the corrective steps being taken to achieve the fixed annual rate of afforestation?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Rajesh Pilot) : (a) to (e) Afforestation and tree planting activities are under taken throughout the country under the Twenty Point Programme. The targets are fixed annually subject to the overall availability of funds in the Central and State Plans. The details of targets and achievements during the last three years are as given below :

(seedlings in lakhs)
(area in hectares)

Year	Targets		Achievements	
	Seedling Distribution	Area Coverage	Seedling Distribution	Area Coverage
1992-93	14500	10,64,000	12450.87	10,62,226
1993-94	13509	11,65,300	11097.61*	9,63,888
1994-95	11835.10	10,31,320	10367.51*	9,45,367

*tentative

[English]

The total fund availability for afforestation activities has not increased adequately commensurate with the targets and in keeping with increasing costs, particularly the wage-rates.

HIKE IN PRICES

1462. **Shri Shraavan Kumar Patel :** Will the Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the unabated rise in prices of pulses, the basic protein supplier in common man's food, it has gone out of reach of the poor;

(b) if so, the comparative prices of different pulses, Kala Chana, Kabli Chana, Rajma etc. as on April, July, September 1 and December 1, 1995; in Delhi's main markets and the percentage in price-rise since April 1995;

(c) the main reasons for the price-hikes; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government to bring these prices within common man's reach?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution System) (Shri Venod Sharma) : (a) and (b) Comparative wholesale prices of different pulses in Delhi as on 1st April, 1st July and 1st September, November, 30 alongwith percentage variation in the wholesale Price Indices of pulses for the same period are given in the

enclosed Statement.

(c) There are various reasons for rise in prices of pulses out the existing gap of about 5 million tonnes in the demand and supply of pulses. Limited imports and nearly stagnant production of pulses in the country are the important reasons for price rise.

(d) The Government attaches considerable importance to containing the price levels of pulses. Several steps have been taken to ensure the availability of pulses to the consumers at reasonable prices. The import of pulses have been brought under Open General Licence and the customs duty on the import of pulses has been reduced from 10% to 5%. The imported pulses are also exempted from the stock limit stipulated in the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977 to ensure effective availability. Further, pulses are being supplied through cooperative stores and States Civil Supplies Corporations. Efforts are also being made of increase the production of pulses in the country.

STATEMENT

(a) Wholesale Prices of Pulses in Delhi and Their percentage variation

Commodity	Wholesale Prices (Rs. per Qtl.) As On			Percentage Variation			
	1.4.95	1.7.95	1.9.95	(*) 30.11.95	1.7.95	1.9.95	30.11.95
Kala Chana	1100	930	910	715	-15.5	-17.3	15.0
Kabuli Chana	2800	2475	2500	1600	-11.6	-10.7	-42.9
Rajmah	1650	1970	1800	1700	+13.3	+9.1	+3.0
Arhar Dal	1650	2150	2100	2050	+30.3	+27.3	+24.2
Moong (split)	1560	1650	1675	1650	+5.8	+7.4	+3.8
Urad (whole)	2000	1900	1850	1450	-5.0	-7.5	-27.5
Malka (red)	1450	1625	1600	1675	+12.1	+10.3	+15.5

Source : Dte. of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture.

(*) : Economic Times

(b) Percentage Variation in Wholesale Price Index of Pulses (Sub-Group)

1.7.95	2.9.95	11.11.95
1.4.95	1.4.95	1.4.95
+7.0	+7.5	+2.3