

Foodgrains Production

3509. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is a shortfall in Foodgrains production in Andhra Pradesh during the Kharif seasons;
- (b) if so, the total drop in foodgrains output in the State;
- (c) the names of other States where the foodgrain output has dropped considerably;
- (d) the main reasons for this decrease in foodgrains output; and
- (e) the special efforts being made by the Government to help the States to increase the foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The States where the foodgrain output during kharif 1995 is expected to be somewhat lower than that of kharif 1994 are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Punjab and Haryana.

(d) The decline in foodgrains output in the current year is mainly attributed to late onset and deficient rains during the monsoon season in all these States except Punjab and Haryana where it is attributed to floods.

(e) In order to increase the production and productivity of foodgrains, the following centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented :

- (i) Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP - Rice).
- (ii) Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Wheat Cropping Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP- Wheat).
- (iii) Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Coarse Cereals System Areas (ICDP - Coarse Cereals).
- (iv) National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP).

[Translation]

Agricultural Trade

3510. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the share of India's Agriculture Sector in the agricultural trade of the world is only 0.5 percent at present;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any target to increase the said share;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether more foodgrains than our domestic requirement are available in the country for the last few years; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the minimum share of India's Agriculture Sector in the International Trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN) : (a) and (b). India's share in world trade is estimated to be around 0.9% during the past few years.

(c) and (d). No specific targets have been fixed to increase the said share. However, all out efforts are being made to increase our agricultural exports.

(e) and (f). The production of foodgrains has been sufficient to meet our domestic requirement for the last few years. The share of India's Agriculture Sector in the International Trade has also increase from 0.85%* in the year 1991 to 0.98%* during the year 1993.

(Source* : FAO Year book (Trade) Vol. 47-1993).

[English]

Noonamati Oil Refinery

3511. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the concentration of gases such as Sulphur Di-Oxide, Oxides of Nitrogen and Carbon Di-Oxide in Guwahati;

(b) the procedure which is being followed to determine the safety levels of air pollutants in Guwahati;

(c) the contributions to these corrosive gases by the Noonamati Oil Refinery; and

(d) the pollution control technology, if any, proposed to be adopted to minimise the level of corrosive gas emissions from the Noonamati Oil Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Ambient air quality monitoring carried out by the central Pollution Control Board in Guwahati revealed the following levels of air pollution in respect of suspended particulate matter, sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen during 1994: -

Ranges of air pollution (annual mean concentrations in micrograms per cubic metre) at different stations based on daily averages :

Suspended particulate matter	Sulphur dioxide	Oxides of nitrogen
31-139	0.4-9.4	7.9-39.4