

expected to be available sometime in July-August, 1980. However, according to current information the estimate of production of tur is likely to be marginally lower in 1979-80 than the level of 1.91 million tonnes in 1978-79.

Among measures taken for augmenting the production of pulses including arhar, is the programme for Centrally sponsored scheme for intensive pulses development for which the outlay under the plan for 1980-81 has been stepped up to 3.55 crores against an anticipated expenditure of 1.37 crores during 1979-80. Measures undertaken under this programme include (i) strengthening of seed multiplication programme; (ii) subsidy on certified and breeder seed; (iii) cultivation of summer moong in U.P. on a larger scale; (iv) short-duration pulse crops through multiple cropping and inter-cropping; (v) enhanced use of Phosphatic fertilisers; (vi) rhizobium culture; and (vii) plant protection measures. In addition Government has announced a price support of Rs. 165/- per quintal for arhar for the 1979-80 marketing season.

#### **Establishment of University at Manipur**

76. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish a University at Manipur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). No Sir. However, according to information received from the Government of Manipur,

the State Legislature has passed a Bill for the establishment of a teaching, residential and affiliating university at Imphal.

#### **Excise Rebate for Early Crushing of Sugarcane**

77. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide excise rebate for early crushing of sugarcane; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the scheme are still under consideration.

#### **Free Feeding under "Food for Work" Programme**

78. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have made arrangement to feed free under the "Food for Work" programme in the drought affected States;

(b) if so, the number of persons given such facilities at the names of such States; and

(c) whether the Central Government have sent teams to the States to assess the extent of assistance needed to tide over the severe drought situation?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no arrangement for free feeding under "Food for Work" programme. But under the