

**Proposal for Increase in Fertilizer Prices**

1021. SHRI VASANT SATHE:  
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for increasing fertilizer prices and reduction subsidy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDSHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Various proposals for containing fertilizer subsidy have been considered by the Government from time to time. No specific proposals have been formulated for reducing the subsidy or increasing the fertiliser prices.

**Production of Oilseeds and Pulses**

1022. SHRI VASANT SATHE:  
PROF. YADUNATH PAN-  
DEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of oilseeds and pulses has received a set-back during the current season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken proposed to meet the shortfall in supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND

COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDSHAI SHAH): (a) No, Sir. The outlook for the current Rabi season for both oilseeds and pulses is very promising.

(b) and (c). It is premature to give any firm estimates of production at the present stage of the season.

**Problems of Telecom Equipment Manufacturers**

1023. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several units manufacturing telephone instruments are on the brink of closure for want of adequate purchases by the Government;

(b) whether Telcome Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMAI) has submitted recently a memorandum to the Government regarding their problems; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Deptt. of Telecommunications has placed sufficient orders as per their requirement on the licenced telephone manufacturing Units. 20 Licenced manufactures have been given purchase orders for 37700 Telephone Instruments each by the department for 1990-91.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The problem brought by TEMA are being examined.