

3. Chatoli [English]

4. Dihnakhera **Agricultural Production**

5. Ghatwar 1070. SHRIYAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

6. Jhandua

7. Husalsarai (a) whether the Union Government have made any assessment regarding the production of cereals, pulses, oil seeds and cotton during the current year;

8. Persona (b) if so, the details thereof; and

9. Siyalpura

10. Nasital (c) the measures proposed to be taken to dispose off the surplus or to meet with the shortfall of the production?

V. Lateri Tehsil (Vidisha District)

1. Jhokarjogi

2. Masoti

3. Murasia

4. Murwas

5. Rasolisahu

6. Unasikalan

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The table below gives the present assessment regarding the production of cereals, pulses, oilseeds and cotton during the current year i.e., 1990-91.

Crop	Unit	Likely Production
Cereals	Million Tonnes	162.5 to 164.0
Pulses	—do—	14.0 to 14.5
Oilseeds	—do—	16.5 to 17.0
Cotton	Million bales of 170 kgs. each	about 10.6

(c) Successive record production of cereals and higher levels of procurement had facilitated the replenishment of the buffer stock. The stocks with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) are being utilised for various welfare programmes e.g., Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Nutrition Programmes etc. FCI has

also been allowed to sell wheat in the open market to roller flour mills, traders, bread manufacturers etc., at Government approved rates. Further, in view of the reasonably good levels of rice and wheat production achieved in recent years, Government has decided to raise ceilings for export up to 10

lakh tonnes of wheat and 10 lakh tonnes of non-basmati rice during the current year to earn foreign exchange for providing support to balance of payment.

In view of the large carry over stock and reasonably high production of cotton expected during the current year, the Government has released the export quota of 12.37 lakh bales (including quota of 0.87 lakh bales of last year).

To meet the shortfall of production particularly of pulses and oilseeds, Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes are under implementation so as to give a boost to their production in the country. These include

- (i) National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)
- (ii) Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP)—Pulses
- (iii) Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)

Apart from measures to augment domestic production of pulses and oilseeds, the Government resort to judicious imports of pulses and edible oils appropriately to meet domestic requirements.

Contribution of Private Industry for Expansion of Telecom Facilities

1071. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has invited contributions from the private industry for expansion of telecom facilities;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion scheme and quantum of contributions in-

vited;

(c) whether DOT has also worked out any scheme for introduction of cellular system (mobile radio telephone); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir. The Department has not invited any contributions from the private industries for the expansion of telecom facilities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No scheme has yet been finalised by the Department of Telecommunications for the introduction of Cellular a system (Mobile Radio Telephone).

(d) Does not arise.

Development of River Resorts in Delhi and Punjab

1072. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the Delhi Administration and the Government of Punjab for the development of river resorts in Delhi and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether any financial assistance and expertise have also been sought from the Union Government by the Delhi Administration and the Government of Punjab for this purpose; and