

**Special Thrust Programme for Increasing Production of Foodgrains and Oilseeds**

270. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Special Thrust Programmes and increasing production of foodgrains and oilseeds were initiated and the total expenditure incurred so far under these programmes;

(b) the guidelines for selecting the farmers for providing assistance, percentage of Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes farmers and also of the small and marginal farmers amongst the beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(c) the success achieved as a result of these programmes in increasing the produc-

tion of rice, wheat, maize, gram, arhar and oil-seeds?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Government of India had taken up the following Special Thrust Programmes for increasing production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country:

1. Special Rice Production Programme (SRPP)
2. Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP).
3. Oilseeds Production Thrust Programme (OPTP)

Year of commencement and funds released so far in respect of the above programmes are indicated below:

(Rs. in Crores)

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Year of commencement</i>	<i>Amount Released</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1.	SRPP	1985-86	68.21	* Includes
		SRPP for 1989-90		
2.	SFPP	1988-89		also as from
	a) SFPP (Rice)		*84.00	1989-90
	b) SFPP (Wheat)		18.08	SFPP (Rice) &
	c) SFPP (Maize)		7.20	SRPP have been
	d) SFPP (Pulses) (gram & arhar)		3.94	unified.
3.	OPTP	1987-88	70.31	
<b>Total</b>			<b>252.64</b>	

(b) Under the Special Foodgrains Production Programmes for Rice, Wheat and Maize, the State Governments have been advised that while providing assistance on inputs to the farmers, the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and small and marginal farmers should be covered first and if the funds are available thereafter, the others may be given the benefits under these programmes. The scheme are implemented through the State Government and the beneficiaries are selected by the panchayats who maintain the details at panchayat level.

(c) As a result of the successful implementation of the Special Trust Programmes, production of rice, wheat, maize, gram, arhar and oilseeds has increased significantly in the SFPP States leading to the overall increased production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country as may be seen from the table given below:

Production of crops in SFPP States prior to and after the implementation of the programme

*(Production in lakh tonnes)*

S.No.	Crops	Prior period of SFPP Average production (three years)	After SFPP Estimated Production (1988-89)
1.	Rice	563.34	673.39
2.	Wheat	426.20	517.31
3.	Maize	40.81	53.97
4.	Pulses		
	a) Gram	41.15	49.62
	b) Arhar	22.05	25.41
5.	Oilseeds	118.06	178.00

#### **Implementation of Land Reform Measures**

271. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a programme of action for speedier implementation of land reform measures is under formulation to improve the access of the rural poor to land;

(b) if so, when the exercise was started and the items proposed for inclusion in the programme; and

(c) the action suggested to State Governments in advance in relation to each of these items till the programme of action is finally formulated and forwarded to them?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). With a view to improve the access of rural poor to land, a Programme of action involving speedier implementation of some land reforms measures was drawn up in May, 1989. The items proposed for inclusion in the programmes were:

(1) Conferring ownership rights on