

Meetings on Jharkhand issue

2740. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA
WANNIK:
SHRI SHAILENDRA
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government convened a number of meetings to discuss the Jharkhand issue during February, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main points discussed in those meetings; and

(d) the follow-up action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Union Home Minister held discussion on Jharkhand issue with the Chief Minister of Bihar and West Bengal on 18.2.1992. The Chief Ministers of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh could not attend the meeting due to their other pre-occupations. Following this the Union Home Secretary held discussions with the Chief Secretaries, Governments of West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and the Home secre-

tary, Government of Bihar on 27.2. 1992.

(b) to (d). Various issues relating to a separate Jharkhand State covering these four States were discussed including the provisions of the Jharkhand Area Development Council Bill passed by the Bihar State Legislature.

Area under cotton cultivation

2741. SHRIPRASRAMBHARDWAJ:
SHRI MANIKRAO HOLDYA
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the area under cotton cultivation in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the area under cotton cultivation in these States have decreased;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the corrective measures taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The area under cotton cultivation in maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years is as under:-

(Lakh hectares)

Year	Maharashtra	Madhya Pradesh
1988-89	26.3	5.6
1989-90	26.4	5.8
1990-91	27.3	5.9

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Govt. of India is implementing In-

tensive cotten development programme (ICDP) in important cotton growing States including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for increasing productivity of cotton. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided

to the State for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measures, farmers training and demonstration.

[*Translation*]

Foodgrain Production

2742. SHRI RAJEVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice and oilseeds produced in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last two years; and

(b) the Scheme being implemented by the Government to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) the information on quantity of wheat, rice and oilseeds produced in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last two years is given below:

(*In lakh tonnes*)

	1989-90	1990-91
Wheat	176.8	183.6
Rice	94.8	102.0
Oilseeds	11.5	13.3.0

(b) In order to increase the production of wheat, rice and oilseeds, the Government is implementing certain crop production programmes. These include:

- (i) Special Foodgrain Production Programme for Wheat Development (SFPP);
- (ii) Integrated Rice programme for Rice Development (IRDP)
- (iii) Oilseeds production programme (OPP)

(iv) Stepping up of research Programmes to Develop Hybrid Rice varieties resistant to pests, diseases and moisture stress; and

(v) Effective market and price support.

Foodgrain production

2743. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of foodgrains in the country has increased considerably during the last four decades;

(b) if so, the quantum of the foodgrains produced during the year 1950-51 and 1990-91;

(c) whether there has not been any significant increase in the farmers income during the above period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the income of the farmer during the year 1950-51 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of foodgrains produced during the year 19950-51 and 1990-91 was 50.82 and 176.23 million tonnes. respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The incomes generated from agriculture and allied activities in 1950-51 and 1990-91 at 1980-81 prices were Rs. 20461 crores and Rs. 58921 crores respectively.

Area under Foodgrains and Cash Crops

2744. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: