

STATEMENT-III
DETAILS OF PRODUCTION DATA FOR MAJOR CROPS IN THE
STATE OF RAJASTHAN

S. N.	Crop	Production levels (lakh tonnes/bales)			
		Before project	At the end of project period.		
			1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1.	Foodgrains	79.94	85.32	109.74	79.45
2.	Oilseeds	7.97	18.45	23.54	27.00
3.	Cotton	4.77	9.86	9.18	8.45
AVERAGE YIELD (KG/HA)					
1.	Foodgrains	634.00	732.00	864.00	705.00
2.	Oilseeds	537.00	732.00	766.00	761.00
3.	Cotton	215.00	386.00	343.00	303.00

*Source : Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan.

Food in Trains

*72. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government in regard to the supply of poor quality food to commuters in railways during the last six months;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry into these complaints;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of food ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) to (c) 176 complaints were received. These have been taken up for requisite scrutiny, 'enquiry and for necessary action against the defaulting staff/contractors. Arising

out of complaints and inspections conducted approximately 1068 Contractors were warned and fined and in nearly 387 cases departmental staff were also warned and action under DAR proceedings initiated during this period.

(d) Improvement in catering is an on-going process. Railways have inter-alia initiated measures such as introduction of pantry car service, modernisation of base kitchens, introduction of casserele service, intensive inspections, supply of cooked food on trains by reputed caterers, crash training programmes for cooks and direct induction of cooks from market, etc. in this direction.

Tobacco Cultivation

*73. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of

tobacco in view of its high commercial value;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring India at par with United States of America and China in the cultivation of tobacco ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):
(a) to (c) The production of tobacco is dependent on area and productivity. The Government has no proposal to increase the area under tobacco. However, the Tobacco Board in the Ministry of Commerce has been implementing Schemes for increasing productivity of virginia tobacco in the country. Under these schemes, farmers are assisted for balanced use of fertiliser pest control, sprinkler sets, topping/suckercides, insulation of curing barns etc.

Financial Crisis in Universities

*74. **SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:**
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA:

Will the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Universities, State Universities and deemed Universities are facing severe financial crunch and are unable to pay even the salaries to their teaching and non-teaching staff;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Central Universities are set up by Acts of Parliament and their entire maintenance and development expenditure is met by the Government through UGC. In the case of State Universities, the maintenance grants are fully provided by the respective State Governments. UGC provides only development grants to the State Universities, in accordance with the prescribed norms, and that too only for a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government to provide reasonable level of plan and Non-plan grants to the universities established by them. The plan and Non-Plan expenditure of institutions of higher learning, which are declared as Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, is met by the Trust Agency which has established the concerned institution. However, UGC is providing maintenance as well as development grants to some of the Deemed Universities, as in the case of Central Universities.

Non-Plan grants provided by the Government to UGC have been steadily increasing over the years. UGC has constituted a High-Powered Committee to evolve rational norms for providing development and maintenance grants to the Central Universities, Deemed Universities