

Production of Oil Seeds

1215. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total production of oil seeds in the country during the year 1984-85;

(b) amount spent on research and development of oilseeds in the country; and

(c) what are the future programmes of increasing the production of oil-seeds in the country during the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The production of oilseeds in the country during the year 1984-85 was 130 98 lakh tonnes.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2.86 crores was sanctioned for oilseeds research and an amount of Rs. 28.94 crores was released for the development of oilseeds during 1984-85.

(c) The Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project which was initiated during 1984-85 is continued during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Policy

1216. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering formulation of a comprehensive national oilseeds and vegetable oils policy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a technology mission for oilseeds and vegetable oils to update technology and modernise edible oil units to ensure reduction in costs;

(c) if so, when and details thereof; and

(d) when a decision in this regard will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Details are being worked out. A decision in this regard will be taken in due course.

Coverage of Unveiling ceremony of Statue of Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan

1217. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the statue of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan was unveiled at Jayaprakash Nagar, his birth place in the presence of a large gathering;

(b) if so, whether the function was not covered by the Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The function was covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow on 12.10.1985 and used in their regional News Bulletin on the same day. The coverage could not be used in the National News Bulletins as it was received by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi through air on 16.10.85 by which time it had lost its topicality.

Sugar Mills Facing Closure in Maharashtra

1218. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :