

documentary film on the life and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar;

(b) whether in pursuance of the Government policy for encouraging films on eminent personalities the National Films Development Corporation has been asked to find the right collaborators for the proposed film on Dr. Ambedkar; and

(c) if not, who have been assigned the job?

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

(a) One TV documentary on the life and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was completed by Doordarshan in its national telecast recently. Another TV documentary under production in Doordarshan Kendra Delhi is in the final stages of completion. As regards the films Division documentary on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, this film is being assigned to an outside producer.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The National Film Development Corporation has not been asked by the Govt. to find a collaborator for having a film on Dr. Ambedkar. However, the Films Division has been asked to produce a documentary film on Dr. Ambedkar and they are already working on this project.

Capital needs of NAFED

8854. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the agencies which meet the need of working capital and block capital of NAFED;

(b) whether the Cooperative Institutions are not borrowing funds from Cooperative Credit Institutions to meet their credit needs; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA

MAKWANA) : (a) The total loan funds of NAFED as on 30.6.1985 were Rs. 35.7 crores; of this, loans from nationalised banks were Rs. 31.13 crores, term loans from NCDC and Government of India Rs. 4.54 crores and from the cooperative bank Rs. 3.50 lakhs.

(b) and (c). Cooperative Institutions are borrowing from Cooperative Credit Institutions.

Production, availability and price of pulses

**8855. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether production of pulses has stagnated between 11 and 13 million tonnes for over decades;

(b) whether the availability of pulses has dropped from 74 grams per head per day in 1959 to mere 40 grams at present;

(c) whether the prices of pulses has been sharply rising;

(d) whether pulses are being imported and only selected pulses are available in world markets;

(e) the reasons for neglecting the production and research in the field of pulses;

(f) the steps being taken so far in this direction; and

(g) the steps Government contemplate to increase the production of pulses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) During the years 1959-60 and 1984-85, the production of pulses ranged between 8.35 and 13.04 million tonnes.

(b) The per capita net availability of pulses was 74.9 grams per day in 1959 and 38.9 grams per day (provisional) in 1985.

(c) The All India Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices of pulses (group) recorded a rise of 2 per cent from 427.0 as on 6.4.1985, to 435.7 as on 5.4.1986.

(d) The import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence. The green *moong* and *urad* are mainly imported from Thailand, Burma, China and Vietnam whereas peas and beans are being imported from USA, Australia, Newzealand and Canada. Lentils and chic peas from Turkey and Syria and Tur (*arhar*) from Burma, Nepal and Australia.

(e) to (g) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is intensifying its research efforts on various pulses crops to develop high yielding, short-duration, pest-resistant varieties suitable for pure as well as mixed cropping in various farming systems.

The following strategy has been evolved for increasing pulses production :

- (i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping.
- (ii) Bringing additional area under :
 - (a) short duration varieties of urad, moong, etc. in rice follows by utilising the residual moisture in rabi season;
 - (b) in summer season with irrigation after oilseeds, sugarcane, potato and wheat; and
 - (c) in rabi under lentil.
- (iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;
- (iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds; adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilizers and rhizobium culture; and

(v) Improved post-harvest technology public policies including pricing and marketing of pulses.

Enhancement in price of MIG flats

8856. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the price charged for a MIG flat in Trilokpuri, Dilshad Garden, Vikaspuri and Shalimar Bagh from the allottees given possession in 1981-82, 1982-1983, 1983-84 and 1984-85, separately in each case;

(b) the reasons for enhancement in price;

(c) the average yearly increase in the price of cost of construction and sale of DDA flats during the last five years; and

(d) when did DDA transfer these colonies to Delhi Municipal Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALAIR SINGH) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Insurance cover for orchards

8857. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend crop insurance to orchards in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) ; (a) and (b). The inclusion of fruit crops in the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme has already been announced by Finance Minister while presenting the Budget for the year 1986-87. A High Level Committee of officers has been entrusted with