

**Foodgrains Production Target for 1985-86**

3582. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the special steps taken by Government to ensure that targets of food production fixed for 1985-86 are achieved ; and

(b) the assessment of Government about achieving the object in view ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The special steps taken to achieve the targets of foodgrains production fixed for 1985-86 *inter-alia* includes the following :—

- (i) The States were assisted in the formulation of strategy through joint discussions in National Conferences organised for drawing up production programmes for both Kharif and Rabi seasons.
- (ii) Guidelines to suit the requirements of different agro-climatic situations were sent to the State Governments for increasing foodgrains production.
- (iii) Senior Officers of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation functioned as area officers for different States for reviewing the progress and extending all possible help and assistance to overcome the problems if any.
- (iv) The coverage of area under high yielding varieties of rice, wheat, maize, jowar and bajra was expanded. For the propagation of new varieties, 46.7 lakh minikits of new varieties of seed were made available to the States for free distribution to the farmers under various Central Sector Schemes.
- (v) The wheat production strategy for Rabi 1985-86 was discussed and

finalised in the production session held during the 24th All India Wheat Research Workers Workshop.

- (vi) Multi disciplinary central teams were deputed to the States for field visits and sorting out of problems if any.
- (vii) The New Centrally Sponsored Scheme of special rice production programme in six Eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Eastern U.P. and Madhya Pradesh was started during 1985-86 for increasing the production and productivity of rice in these States.

(b) The final estimates of production during 1985-86 have not yet become available. However, the assessment is that the total foodgrains Production would range between 148.0—149.5 million tonnes during 1985-86 as against 146.22 million tonnes during 1984-85.

**Amount Spent by DDA on Construction Works for ASIAD**

3583. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge amount of funds of Delhi Development Authority was utilised for the construction works undertaken for organising ASIAD ;

(b) this amount was meant for solving the housing problem of common man in Delhi ;

(c) if so, the total amount of D.D.A. funds spent for these construction works ; and

(d) the impact thereof on housing schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a)