

(a) the number of blocks that Government have taken up to boost paddy production in the country :

(b) the concession made available to the farmers :

(c) the details of impact of the scheme;

(d) whether Government propose to extent the scheme to more blocks in the country in the near future ,

(e) the total allocation made for the scheme, State-wise and year-wise during the last two years and the current year ; and

(f) whether the allocations have been fully utilised in Orissa and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Centrally Sponsored Special Rice Production Programme is under implementation in 430 selected blocks in 6 eastern states.

(b) The main concessions made available to the farmers under the scheme include :

(i) Training in improved rice production technology.

(ii) Limited supply of seed, fertilisers, pesticides, PPE, improved implements & machinery. water pumps, etc on subsidised cost.

(iii) Paddy seed minikits and fertiliser & micronutrient minikits free of cost.

(iv) Assistance in the form of inputs for raising rice community nurseries.

(c) The implementation of the scheme has created an awareness amongst the farmers for the need to develop on farm resources and adopt improved rice production technology. Rice production in these 6 states, namely Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal increased from 309.97 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 to 359.15 lakh tonnes in 1985-86, and the productivity increased from 1128 kg/ha to 1295 kg/ha.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The state-wise and year-wise financial outlays sanctioned for the Central Sector pilot Project during 1984-85 and for the main scheme during 1985-86 and 1986-87 are as under :

Year	(Rs. lakhs)						
	Assam	Bihar	M P.	Orissa	U. P.	West Bengal	Total
1984-85	48.95	98.70	86.40	66.01	100.00	100.00	500.06
1985-86	270.00	169.92	400.00	252.00	841.20	670.00	2603.12
1986-87	370.00	1180.00	400.00	252.00	1019.80	700.00	3921.80

(f) Out of Rs. 252.00 lakh sanctioned for 1985-86 to Orissa state an amount of Rs. 181.18 lakh was utilised. The main reason for non-utilisation of full funds was the inability of the state to provide full matching contribution.

Regional Oilseeds Banks

4113. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board has proposed to set up a regional oilseeds bank in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how far it will help to solve the problem of vegetable oil in the country ; and

(c) when the proposed bank is likely to be set up and the steps being taken in this direction ?

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

(b) and (c). The regional seeds banks were to act as buffer stocks for removing the shortage of seeds in respect of different oilseeds crops in different regions. The objective is being met through the National oilseeds Development Project which provides for programmes relating to stocking and prepositioning as well as opening of retail outlets for certified seeds and organisation of seed villages. These measures will help in increasing the production of oilseeds and vegetable oils.

Development of Pulses

4114. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have launched a National Project for development of pulses ;

(b) the amount earmarked for the development of pulses ;

(c) whether Government propose to spend the amount for development of pulses in non-irrigated aread also ; and

(d) the salient features of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Financial outlay during Seventh Plan period is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Central share	State share	Total
2900.16	1704.34	4604.50

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The salient features of the project are as under :

1. Distribution of seed minikits of latest short duration improved varieties of different pulses.
2. Organising block demonstration to educate the farmers about the production technology.
3. Laying out of adaptive trials of promising varieties on farmer's fields.
4. Biological control of the pod borers through release of parasites etc.
5. Training of extension workers to educate them in organising the development programme on pulses.
6. Strengthening of Rhizobium culture Labs to enable them to manufacture large quantity of culture for distribution
7. Production of breeder/foundation seed with the help of I.C.A.R., N.S.C. & S.F.C.I.
8. Setting up of dal mililing units whth the help of NCDC under cooperative Department.
9. Providing market support through NAFED at support price.
10. Staff & contingencies.

Clearance for Joint Venture

4115. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of fishing companies who had obtained clearance for joint ventures in 1986 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these companies have links with companies chartered earlier which had failed in their commitments ; and