

Production of Foodgrains

2181. **SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of foodgrains during 1986-87 was same as in 1983-84;

(b) if so, the total production of foodgrains during 1986-87 and the efforts being made to improve the same in 1987-88; and

(c) which are the States where production of foodgrains increased and which of them were affected by the drought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Final estimates of production of foodgrains during the crop year 1986-87 have not yet been received from all the States. However, based on the reports available so far from various States etc., the all-India production of foodgrains for the crop year 1986-87 is currently assessed in the range of 149.0 to 150.0 million tonnes, as compared to the production of 152.4 million tonnes during 1983-84.

Various steps being taken to increase the production of foodgrains in 1987-88 include:-

- i) Maximisation of productivity in irrigated and rainfed areas;
- ii) Timely and adequate supply of agricultural inputs like improved technology, seeds, fertilisers, implements, plant protection chemicals and credit;
- iii) increasing the coverage of area under high yielding varieties and production of sufficient seeds of different classes i.e. breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, to cover the targetted area

under high yielding varieties;

- iv) implementation, along with concurrent monitoring, of the national programmes like Special Rice Production Programme in the Eastern States, Small and Marginal Farmers' Programme, National Pulses Development Programme etc;
- v) Propagation of rainfed farming technology on watershed management basis;
- vi) undertaking of drought proffing measures including contingency planning to reduce the impact of inadequate rains;
- vii) increasing the intensity of cropping through double, multiple and inter-cropping;
- viii) assuring remunerative prices and providing adequate market support to the farmers.

(c) Since final estimates of foodgrains production have not yet been received from some of the States, it is not possible to indicate the States where the production of foodgrains increased during 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86.

The following States/UTs have been approved Central assistance for drought relief during the crop year 1986-87: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Tripura and Pondicherry.

Tripartite Panel for Banking Industry

2182. **SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tripartite panel for the