

Rice Production

4749. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :
SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased
to state :

(a) the target fixed for production of
rice during the year 1986 ;

(b) the actual production during 1986 ;

(c) whether any new varieties of paddy
have been introduced during the period to
increase the production of rice ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA) : (a) The Planning Commis-
sion fixed a target of 65 million tonnes for
production of rice during 1986-87.

(b) The preliminary assessment from
the State Governments, etc. indicates that
the production of rice during 1986-87 might
be in the range of 59.5 to 60.0 million
tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement giving details of the
paddy varieties released during 1986 is given
below.

Statement

During 1986, the Central and State
Variety Release Committees released 15
paddy varieties for cultivation in different
States. They are as under :

Pusa 169 (IET 7278)	for cultivation in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Karnataka.
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Manasarover, Sri- nivas and Seshu	Andhra Pradesh
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Mahavir & Karna. Karna, Abhilash & Avinash	Karnataka
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Karjat-1 &
Ratnagiri 2

Maharashtra

Pathara & Gauri

Orissa

Rambha & Manhar

Uttar Pradesh

RWR 355 (recommen-
ded for release)

Madhya Pradesh

Ragi Production

4750. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased
to state :

(a) the annual production of ragi in
the country ; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken to increase
the production of ragi in view of its being
a good nutrition food. particularly for
diabetic patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA) : (a) The all India average
annual production of ragi during the last
three years ending 1985-86 was 2.63 million
tonnes.

(b) Steps being taken to increase the
production of ragi in the country include :

(i) Expansion of area under identified
varieties and popularisation of newly
released and pre-release varieties.

(ii) Systematic production of seeds,
right from the breeder to certified setting, a
sufficient quantities and its timely distribu-
tion to the farmers ;

(iii) Conservation of soil moisture and
its efficient utilisation through adoption of
dry farming techniques ;

(iv) Adoption of integrated water-shed
concept to enhance production and pro-
ductivity ;

(v) To encourage farmers for adoption
of recommended packages of practices with
special reference to non-monetary inputs,
viz. proper seed rate, row spacing, proper