

	1	2	3
3.	Development of trekking facilities in the Western tracts of Midnapore, Bankura rural area	44.68	10.00
4.	Wayside facilities at Durgapur	26.38	4.00
5.	Expansion of Tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan	38.75	10.00
6.	Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling	47.39	10.00
7.	Sound & Light Show at Rabindra Bharati, Calcutta	15.50	10.00

Steps to control Pest Menace in Rajasthan and Gujarat

3356. SHRIP. PENCHALLIAH: will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to control the pest menace in Rajasthan and Gujarat;

(b) whether the breeding of locust has been controlled; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The following steps have been taken to control the pest menace in Rajasthan and Gujarat:

(i) *Pest Surveillance and Monitoring:*

The field stations of the Directors of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, located in Rajasthan and Gujarat, have kept close monitoring and surveillance of

pest/disease build up on major crops in collaboration with the State Governments so as to forewarn and to advise timely and need based pest control operations.

(ii) *Arrangements for supply of Plant Protection inputs:*

The Central and State Governments have made arrangements for supply and availability of adequate quantities of pesticides and plant protection equipments to meet the likely threat of pest attack, if any.

(iii) *Training in proper methods of pest control:*

The Central and State Governments have organised training programmes to educate farmers and extension staff in proper pest control measures.

(iv) *Financial Assistance:*

The Central and State Governments have extended financial

assistance in the form of subsidy on the cost of pesticides and equipment to the farmers through Centrally Sponsored Schemes and other State Governments' Schemes.

(v) *Publicity:*

Information on pest and diseases and their control measures have been disseminated to farmers through leaflets pamphlets, mass contacts — Radio and T.V.

(b) and (c) Patchy infestations of locust hoppers and adults occurred over 40 hectares in two villages in Pokaran Tehsil of Jaisalmer District in August, 1987. These were promptly controlled by ground operations.

Cotton Cultivation

3357. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area, State-wise, presently under cotton cultivation and the total production of cotton as per the latest information;

(b) the state/Union Territory producing the largest quantity of cotton; and

(c) the main reasons for the increase in cotton production in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Table below gives area and production of cotton, State-wise, during the crop year 1985-86:

*Statewise area and production of cotton
(Area in lakh hectares)*

(Production in lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

State	Area	Production
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	6.00	7.19
Gujarat	14.04	19.87
Haryana	3.44	7.45
Karnataka	7.47	5.03
Madhya Pradesh	5.24	2.77
Maharashtra	27.53	18.95
Punjab	5.58	14.02