

**International Prices of Wheat**

7264. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:  
SHRI SRI HARI RAO:  
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:  
SHRI VJAY N. PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a depression in wheat prices in Australia, Canada and Argentina;

(b) if so, whether the proposed import of wheat by India will have the benefit of depressed prices or will push up the prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated figure of wheat to be imported during the current and next year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (d). The prices of wheat have been fluctuating in the international market depending upon the availability and demand of wheat.

Government keeps its option open to import wheat in such quantities as required, and keeping in view the prevailing international prices.

**Yatri Niwas in States**

7265. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:  
SHRI SRI HARI RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to

state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration of Government to open Yatri Niwas in various parts of the country particularly near the historical places and tourists centres to attract tourists during the years 1988, 1989, and 1990; and

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Ministry has received 26 proposals for the construction of Yatri Niwas in various parts of the country, for the year 1988-89. The allocation for 1988-89, under this head, is only Rs. 105.00 lakhs. Keeping this constraint on resources in view, only some of these proposals will be taken up, depending upon merits, during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

**Areas under oilseeds and pulses cultivation in Maharashtra**

7266. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under cultivation and production of oilseeds and pulses in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to bring more area under cultivation and to increase the yield per acre for these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) The total area and production of oilseeds and pulses in Maharashtra State during the last three years are as under :—