

**Growth Rate of Agricultural Production**

964. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK:  
DR. G. S. RAJHANS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achieved for production of foodgrains during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the overall growth rate of

agricultural production in 1986-87 is estimated to show a marginal decline as compared to 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The targets fixed and achievements for production of foodgrains during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 are given below:—

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Targets	Achievements
1984-85	153.60	145.54
1985-86	159.20	150.44
1986-87	160.00	144.07

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The all-India index numbers of production for all crops and percentage growth over previous year dur-

ing the period 1984-85 to 1986-87 are as under:—

Year	Index of production for all crops	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) over previous year
1984-85	154.6	— 1.2
1985-86	161.7	+ 4.6
1986-87	152.6	— 5.6

The decline in agricultural production in 1986-87 over 1984-85 was largely on account of adverse weather conditions.

missioners in the country, State-wise during the last three years;

**Firms Defaulting in Payment of Provident Fund Contribution**

965. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH:  
Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the firms that defaulted in payment of provident fund contributions to the Regional Provident Fund Com-

(b) the reasons for not paying the contributions in time;

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure timely payment of contribution by the firms; and

(d) the number of officials who were proceeded against for lack of efficient performance of their duties and the action taken against them?