

However, National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India, the Government of India Undertakings, supply seeds to the State Governments on receipt of firm indents subject to the availability. The National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India have supplied 12646 qtls. and 2784 qtls. of certified seeds of oilseeds during Rabi 1987-88 and Kharif 1988 respectively.

(b) The National Seeds Corporation has supplied the certified seeds of Soyabean at the rate of Rs. 1100 per qtl. ; Sunflower at the rate of Rs. 1800 per qtl. and Mustard at the rate of Rs. 1500 per qtl. to Uttar Pradesh for sowing during Rabi—1987-88 and Kharif—1988. The State Farms Corporation of India have supplied Toria certified seed to Uttar Pradesh at the rate of Rs. 1200 per qtl. ex-farm during Rabi—1987-88.

(c) Question does not arise.

[English]

#### Garlic Prices

2333. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be

pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Garlic which was sold at fantastically high prices last year in various mandis has gone abegging this year and has no buyers even at ten to five per cent of the last year's prices ;

(b) the Government's estimate about the garlic yield in different States last year and this year ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central and State agencies to help the growers of garlic to obtain a fair price for their produce ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The garlic prices in 1986-87 were abnormally higher due to lower production in 1985-86. Though the prices during the current year are lower than the last year, these prices are still higher as compared to normal years.

(b) The production of garlic in major States during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below :

( '000 tonnes)

State	1985-86	1986-87
1. Bihar	5.0	5.7
2. Gujarat	15.8	13.4
3. Haryana	8.4	10.4
4. Madhya Pradesh	40.7	58.0
5. Maharashtra	25.5	29.6
6. Orissa	66.4	56.5
7. Uttar Pradesh	12.6	19.9
8. Others	15.2	12.5
All India	189.6	206.0

Similar estimates for 1987-88 are not yet available from all the States.

(c) Since the ruling market prices are at present reasonably at higher levels, there does not seem to be any need for market intervention.

#### R and D Wing for Increase in Groundnut

2334. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Research and Development Wing in the Ministry has made any progress in improving per hectare yield of groundnut ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten improved high yielding varieties possessing mono/multiple resistance to one or the major pests and/or diseases have been developed in the last 2 years.

#### Clearance of Irrigation Projects from Maharashtra

2335. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of irrigation projects in Thana and Nasik districts of Maharashtra are held up for want of sanction from Union Government ;

(b) whether there is only 12 per cent of land under irrigation in Maharashtra as against 28 per cent in the country ; and

(c) whether Government will take into

consideration the backlog in irrigation while considering the projects received from Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) While no irrigation project is awaiting environmental clearance, ten minor and medium irrigation schemes requiring approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have not been cleared due to non-submission of requisite details.

(b) Area under irrigation in Maharashtra is 10.9% against 29.7% in the country.

(c) Each project is considered on its merit and a final decision is taken as soon as the required details are furnished by the project authorities.

#### Proposals for Development of Ports in Maharashtra

2336. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain proposals for development of ports have been received from Government of Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the financial implication involved in the development of each port ;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has also moved for setting up of new ports in the State ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Government of India in 1984 for financial assistance for the development of the following ports :

(Rs. in crores)

(1)	Bhagwati Bunder	15.50
(2)	Rajpuri (Agardanda and Dighi)	7.94
(3)	Redi	0.36
(4)	Dabhol	5.67