

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The project for expanding the handling capacity of Delhi Milk Scheme by 1.25 lakh litres of milk per day has not yet been completed.

(c) At the prevailing levels of efficiency, the estimated expenditure per litre on the polythene film packing is about Re. 0.44 in one litre pouch, Re. 0.65 in $\frac{1}{2}$ litre pouches against Re. 0.49 in bottling.

(d) and (e). There is some incidence of leakage of pouches which is a normal phenomenon in handling milk in pouches. In order to reduce the leakage, DMS is taking preventive measures like using of good quality of film, backup rubber and other materials for packing milk in pouches.

[English]

Drought Assistance to Orissa

2341. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the amount given as grant and adjusted against the plan allocation for the State of Orissa as drought assistance for the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : Out of the total ceiling of Rs. 59.58 crores approved for drought to Orissa Government during 1987-88, an amount of Rs. 5.47 crores has been made available for the current year 1988-89 (April to June, 1988). Further, in accordance with the existing pattern of adjustment against the plan allocation, Rs. 8.22 crores is being adjusted during 1988-89 against the ceilings of previous years.

Increase in Availability of Foodgrains Per Capita

2342. SHRI KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the per capita availability of foodgrains has increased over the past five years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) how does it compare with the per capita availability in developing as well as developed countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The following Table shows the per capita net availability of foodgrains (cereals and pulses) in the country during the past five years :

Year	Per Capita Net Availability of Foodgrains in Grams per day (Provisional)
1983	436.4
1984	477.9
1985	453.7
1986	476.1
1987	465.5

(c) The per capita food supply (cereals and pulses) in some selected developing and developed countries as calculated by the Food and Agriculture Organisation for the period 1979-81 is as under :

Country	Per Capita Food Supply Grams/day
1	2
Ghana	195
Argentina	384
Pakistan	476
India	536
Philippines	572
Indonesia	602

1	2
Thailand	634
Bangladesh	638
U.S.A.	256
Canada	263
United Kingdom	268
France	295
Australia	314
Japan	510
Italy	513

**Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas
Under Special Dispensation
Powers**

2343. SHRI SAMAR BRAHMA CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently decided again to grant admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas under special dispensation powers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the grounds of broad social considerations and to accommodate cases requiring compassion, the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been empowered to grant admission under special dispensation.

{Translation}

Increase in Production of Sugarcane

2344. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of

Agricultural Research (ICAR) has evolved a new technique for increasing the production of sugarcane ; 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, Madam.

(b) The Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research an Institute of ICAR at Lucknow, has developed recently a ring method of planting for Sugarcane cultivation. In this system pits, (30 cm deep and 90 cm in diameter) are dug in a row, keeping 120 cm pit to pit spacing (centre to centre). Thus, about 7000 pits in one hectare are made. Fertilizer at the rate of 150 kg nitrogen, 80 kg phosphorus and 20 kg potash per hectare is recommended in this system. Entire quantity of phosphorus and potash and one third of nitrogen (50 kg) is incorporated in the soil before planting. While preparing the pits, 5-8 kg well rotten farm yard manure per pit is mixed with the soil before planting. In each pit, 21, three bud setts are planted. In all, four to six irrigations are given before on set of monsoon. The remaining quantity of Nitrogen (100 kg of Nitrogen) is applied in two splits, at the time of third and fourth irrigations.

This method of planting ensures less lodging and tolerance to drought. By adopting pit planting, 180 t/ha Sugarcane yield is obtained as compared to 90 t/ha in conventional method of planting.

{English}

Seizure of Wild Life Skins

2345. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge quantity of wild life skins was seized from different parts of the country other than Delhi during the last six months ;

(b) if so, the details and value of the catch ; and