- pleased to state:
- at the end of the Seventh Plan;
- (c) whether the target will be, achieved; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Estimates of fuodgrains production, State-wise, in the country during 1986-87 are given in the Statement below.

- (b) The target of foodgrains production at the end of the Seventh Plan is 1 5 million tonnes.
 - (c) and (d). The target has been fixed

on the basis of Framework Action Plan for Foodgrains Production keeping in view the past performance and incorporating various

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Andhra Pradesh	91.4
Assam	25.9
Bihar	108.7
Gujarat	31.0
Haryana	76.4
Himachal Pradesh	12.1
Jammu and Kashmir	14.3
Karnataka	69.1

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Kerala	11.6
Madhya Pradesh	132.0
Maharashtra	71.4
Orissa ·	64.5
Punjab	179.9
Rajasthan	67.2
Tamil Nadu	72.9
Uttar Pradesh	299. 9
West Bengal	96.6
Others	15.9
All India	1440.7

Written Answers

Rice Production Per Hectare

2380. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the region-wise rice production per hectare during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) the production of rice per hectare in West Bengal during the same period;

Written Answers

- whether Eastern Zone is lagging (c) behind in respect of rice production per hectare: and
- (d) if so, the positive steps, if any, being taken to remove regional imbalance in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). The region-wise rice production per hectare during 1986-87 and 1987-88, along with corresponding information on West Bengal State is shown in the Statement below.

(c) and (d). Rice productivity in the Eastern zone was lower, as compared to the Northern and Southern regions. For increasing the productivity of rice in the Eastern region, a Centrally sponsored Special Rice Production Programme has been launched from 1985-86. A Centrally Sponsored Special Foodgrains production programme—Rice, is being implemented from this year in 13 selected States, including those in the Eastern region. In addition, a Central Sector Minikit Programme of Rice is also under implementation.

Statement Region-wise Per Hectare Production of Rice

Region	Per hectare production (Kg)	
	1986-87	1987-88 (Provisional
East	1197	1152
West	1067	1095
North	2951	2750
South	` 2159	2357
West Bengal State	1574	1656

Note: Eastern region includes Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Western region includes Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Northern region includes Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

Southern region includes Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.