

**Production of Sugar**

**\*36. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :**  
Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the output of sugar for the last four years and till the current season of sugarcane of 1984-85;

(b) whether Government propose to import sugar to meet the country's demand; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to enhance production of sugarcane ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) The figures of sugar production during the last 4 sugar seasons and in the current season so far are as under :—

Sugar Season (Oct-Sept.)	Sugar Production (lakh tonnes)
1980-81	51.48
1981-82	84.38
1982-83	82.32
1983-84	59.16
1984-85	15.98
(upto 31-12-1984)	

(b) Apart from the import of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar for which contracts were entered into last year, no proposal for further import of sugar has been finalised. Sugar production in 1984-85 season has started on a promising note and has reached 15.98 lakh tonnes upto 31st December as against 13.78 lakh tonnes upto the same date in 1983-84 season. Further exports/imports of sugar would depend on the future production trends, total availability, requirement, prices of sugar in the domestic and international markets, etc. and it is too premature to estimate the extent of import/export now.

(c) In order to increase the production of sugarcane during 1984-85 season, various

programmes to provide better quality seed cane and other inputs, plant protection, field demonstrations, training of sugar cane development workers, etc. have been undertaken. More-over, the payment of remunerative cane prices by the factories to the growers is being ensured in the interest of maximising the production of sugarcane as well as sugar.

**Funds for Rural Development Schemes**

**30. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO**  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided for rural development schemes to the States and Union Territories by his Ministry and the funds placed by the respective States for these schemes during the year 1984-85; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to achieve the targets thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The major Rural Development Schemes of this Ministry are (i) Integrated Rural Development Scheme, (ii) Drought Prone Areas Programme, (iii) Desert Development Programme, (iv) National Rural Employment Programme and (v) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. Expenditure on the first four schemes is shared by the Centre and States on 50 : 50 basis while the fifth scheme is wholly centrally funded. Statements showing central and States shares of funds provided for these schemes during the year 1984-85 are laid on the Table of the House.

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(b) The programmes are being monitored and reviewed regularly through the progress reports, audit reports, regional meetings and visits of central officers. The States which are lagging behind are alerted to improve their pace of performance.

**Allotment of Funds to States for Irrigation**

**31. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR ;** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to