

Statement-III*Financial Releases under Cash Crop Oriented Development Schemes.*

(Rs. crores).

Schemes	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4
I. Oilseeds Production Programme	87.19	86.00	94.69
II. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems	-	29.56	25.55
III. Intensive Cotton Development Programme	10.88	9.97	15.00
IV. Special Jute Development Programme	1.66	1.87	4.85
V. Horticulture	165.80	162.46	191.55

Families below Poverty Line

*49. SHRI K.S. RAYADU : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether one million families below poverty line in Orissa are not getting benefits of Targeted Revised Public Distribution System TRPDS as reported in the Economic Times, Dated January 8, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to help them to derive benefits given by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the provisional estimates worked out by the Planning Commission for 1993-94 adopting the methodology of the Expert Group under Late Prof. Lakdawala, the number of persons below poverty line in Orissa is 160.60 lakhs, works to 48.5% of the State's population.

Insurgency in N.E. States

*50. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have entered into agreement with Bangladesh to combat insurgency in the North-Eastern States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the factors responsible for increase in insurgency in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the extent to which the agreement with

Bangladesh is likely to curb the insurgency in the region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) No formal agreement has been entered into by the Government of India with the Government of Bangladesh to combat insurgency in the North Eastern States. However, institutional arrangements have been put in place with the Government of Bangladesh for dialogue and cooperation on security matters. These include (a) meetings of Home Secretaries of the two countries; (b) establishment of Joint Working Group to examine, indepth, all outstanding issues and to recommend practical measures for resolving them; (c) regular meetings at Director General level between Bangladesh Rifles and Border Security Force.

Certain States in the N.E. have varying degrees of militancy and terrorism. It cannot be said that there is any increase in such activities in the North Eastern States.

The positive attitude of new Bangladesh Government is likely to lead to denial of base and transit facilities to the insurgents in Bangladesh and this is expected to improve the security scenario in the North Eastern States.

Selling of Wheat at lower rates

*51. DR M. JAGANNATH :
SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether inspite of wheat crisis prevailing in Andhra Pradesh, the Food Corporation of India disposed of 5750 tonnes of wheat to the traders at lower rates in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to check proper use of the wheat meant for the Public Distribution System in Andhra Pradesh ?