

(v) The experiments so far conducted have not shown any consistent trends of beneficial effects of earthworms on the crop yields.

(vi) Large scale field study results of the impact of earthworms on soil fertility status are not available.

#### **Production of Sugar**

**66. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:  
SHRI R. N. RAKESH:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the sugar production in the country this year as compared to the production of last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Sugar production during the current year 1980-81 (October-September) upto 31st July, 1981 was 50.67 lakh tonnes which is 12.45 lakh tonnes more than the production upto the corresponding date last year.

#### **Water Scarcity in R. K. Puram, New Delhi**

**67. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:  
SHRI MAJNATH SONKAR  
SHASTRI:**

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8035 on the 20th April 1981 regarding water scarcity in R. K. Puram, New Delhi and to state by when the information will be laid on the table of the House and as to what steps have been evolved to meet the situation satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): The implementation report in respect of the assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 8035 on 20-4-81 has already been forwarded to Department of Parliamentary Affairs, which is taken steps to lay the same on the Table of the House.

The measures being taken to improve the water supply in the area, which have already been indicated in the said implementation report are as under:

(i) an under-ground tank and a booster pumping station are being constructed in R. K. Puram Sector IV for boosting water supply to sectors I, II, III & IV.

(ii) The supply to the Palam reservoir which feeds this area, is being augmented.

#### **Production of Foodgrain**

**68. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the final tally of foodgrain production in India for the year 1980-81;

(b) how much foodgrain has been procured by the various Government agencies;

(c) what is the shortfall in the targeted procurement; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Firm estimates of foodgrains production for 1980-81 have not yet become available from various States.

(b) As reported upto 14-8-81, about 12.2 million tonnes of foodgrains have been procured out of 1980-81 crop.