

(e) if so, the action taken by Government for supply the required machines to this Press;

(f) whether this Press is refusing to accept the orders of various Government and Semi-Government Education Institutions; and

(g) if so, the reasons thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken to make this Press work?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Central Government Text Book Press at Bhubaneswar (Orissa) is not being shifted to Santragachi (West Bengal). There is, however, a proposal for transfer of some composing room equipment, involving only a few officials, from Bhubaneswar to Santra-gachi, as the said composing equip-ment is surplus to the requirements of the Bhubaneswar Press and its non-utilisation adds to the cost of pro-duction of text books. Certain refer-ences/representations in this behalf have been received, on which deci-sion has not been taken.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Financial aid to groundnut production in Maharashtra

8450. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government had sub-mitted to the Centre for its approval and financial aid a plan for ground-nut production during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICUL-TURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a special project for increasing produc-tion of groundnut in Maharashtra State from 5.68 lakh tonnes in 1979-80 to 11.19 lakh tonnes in 1984-85. The total cost of the scheme during the period of 3 years was estimated at Rs. 3289.75 lakhs. It provides for subsidy on different items like seed, seed treatment, plant protection equip-ment, chemicals and operational charges, irrigation, sprinklar irriga-tion, protective irrigation and water harvesting.

(c) It was decided that higher allo-cation of funds to the State Govern-ment could be considered by the Government of India within the exist-ing pattern of assistance under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Inten-sive Oilseed Development Pro-gramme.

Foodgrains and Cash Crop Production

8451. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the agricultural production during the current year in the coun-try as compared to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the production in cash crops this year as compared to the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the new area brought under cultivation during the last three years; and

(d) the programme envisaged for the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICUL-TURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The estimates of production of principal agricultural crops (includ-ing cash crops) during the years 1977-78 to 1980-81 are given in the