

(b) the estimated shortfall vis-a-vis our total requirement; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) During 1980-81, the total production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at 129.9 million tonnes. The production of foodgrains during 1981-82 is provisionally estimated at around 133 million tonnes.

(b) In a normal year, foodgrains production in the country is sufficient to meet the requirements.

(c) Does not arise.

जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन संस्थान में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति का कोटा

1167. श्री त्रिलोक चन्द्र : क्या निर्माण और आवास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों का कोटा जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन संस्थान में अभी तक पूरा नहीं हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कमी के क्या कारण हैं और भिन्न-भिन्न विभागों में यह भी कमी किन पदों के लिए बनी हुई है ; और

(ग) इस कमी को दूर करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Effect of floods and failure of monsoon on agriculture production

1168. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indifferent course of the south-west monsoon has dealt a big blow to farm hopes for the year 1982-83 with the precipitation and spatial distribution of rainfall extremely unsatisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unprecedented floods have also added to the poor harvesting of crops;

(c) if so, to what extent the kharif crops have been affected by both these factors;

(d) whether this will greatly upset the agricultural production in the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to meet this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (d). As a result of delayed monsoon and insufficient rains as well as floods in some parts of the country, the output of kharif crops is likely to be lower than last year. However, no quantitative estimates of likely shortfall are yet available.

(e) Various measure have been taken to meet the situation arising out of drought and floods. These include, among others:

(i) Alternative cropping strategies emphasizing short duration and low water using crops to reduce kharif loss.

(ii) Optimum use of available irrigation water to increase the productivity of crops.

(iii) Provision of inputs.

(iv) Ensuring availability of power and diesel for the running of pump sets.

(v) Mounting a rabi campaign to compensate likely loss in kharif output of foodgrains.