

commission to fair price shop owners. To the vanaspati industry the price charged is Rs. 8500/- per tonne upto 60% of their raw material requirement and Rs. 12,000/- per tonne over and above the limit of 60%. The release price of coconut oil is being worked out and it would be around Rs. 25/- per pack.

Per capita availability of pulses

9296. DR. A. U. AZMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to deteriorating per capita pulses availability and inadequacy compared with medical research council recommendation ;

(b) if so, what research efforts for pulses production enhancement Government supported in each plan, funds released, Plan-wise, and better varieties evolved crop-wise, with per hectare yield research farms claimed quantity of breeder's seed of each high yielding variety produced year-wise, in Sixth Plan ;

(c) whether Government have independently

evaluated working of pulses research programmes and if so, by whom and with that results : and

(d) whether Government propose to constitute a high powered committee to probe into this aspect and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research on pulses have been duly strengthened during the various plan periods as indicated below :—

IV Plan 1969-70 to 1973-74 : Rs. 56.51 lakh expenditure.

V Plan 1974-75 to 1978-79 : Rs. 138.80 lakhs expenditure.

VI Plan 1980-81 to 1984-85 : Rs. 448.57 lakh allocation.

As a result of the research efforts made, several improved varieties have been developed. The important ones are given below :—

Crop	Varieties	Yield potential of better varieties
Gram	G 235, H-208, H 355, K 468, BG 209 Pant G-114, JG 62, Annageri, Chaffa, RS-10, Pusa 212.	15-25 Q/ha.
Arhar	Prabhat, UPAS-120, Pant A-3, Pant A-1, Pusa Ageti, Sharda, Mukta, Pussa-74, Behar.	15-25 Q/ha.
Blackgram :	T-9, T-27, Pant U-19, Pant U-30	15-25 Q/ha.
Cowpea :	Pusa Phalguni, Pusa do-fasali, C-152.	10-15 Q/ha.
Greengram :	Pusa Baisakhi, PS-7, PS-10, Varsha, G-65 K 851, ML-5, SML-32.	8-12 Q/ha.
Lentil	L-9-12, T-36, Pant L-639, Pant 209, Pant L-406.	10-15 Q/ha.

The information about the quality of seed produced variety wise and year wise is being collected and will be supplied after compilation.

(c) and (d) A Quinquennial Review Team to assess the working and programmes made in the All India Coordinated Pulse Improve-

ment Projects, has been constituted. The members of the Committee are Dr. T.R. Mehta, Dr. C. V. Havangi and Dr. S. Chandra, Project Director (Pulses). The report of the Committee is still awaited. Keeping in view the above facts no probe by a high powered Committee is required.