

Increase in per acre Yield of Rice

3646. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the per acre yield of rice in the last three years; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE : (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The table below gives estimates of yield per hectare of rice in India during the last three years 1967-68 to 1969-70 :

Yield	Yield per hectare in Kgs.	Percentage increase over 1967-68
1967-68	1032*	
1968-69	1076**	4.3
1969-70	1073**	4.0

Similar information for 1970-71 has not yet become available.

Manufacture of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

3647. SHRI VIRENDER SINGH RAO. :

SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the types of Agricultural machinery and equipment being produced indigenously in the country at present,

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government of

manufacture harvesting machines in the country; and

(c) if so, whether such plant will be set up in Public or Private Sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) At present Tractors, Power Tillers, Pumping sets, towed Combine Harvesters and other power driven and Bullock drawn Agricultural Implements are being manufactured in the country

(b) Yes Sir. One firm in the private sector has already gone into production. A letter of intent has been issued to another firm

(c) Out of the proposals under consideration, one is from a State undertaking and the rest are from the private sector

Area Under Tobacco Cultivation

3648. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the area under tobacco cultivation in the country in each State, year-wise during the last three years, and

(b) the estimated yield in each State during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE : (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). A Statement showing estimates of area, production and yield per hectare of tobacco for the different States during the three years 1967-68 to 1969-70 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library, See. No. 1.T-574/71]. Similar estimates for 1970-71 have not yet become available.

* Based on partially revised estimates.

**Based on final estimates.