

administrations are assisted for the review and development of appropriate texts incorporating environmental matters suitably. They are also assisted, along with non-governmental organisations, for conducting experimental innovative programmes aimed at integrating local environmental conditions into educational programmes at schools.

The Centres of Excellence with the Ministry of Environment & Forests and other autonomous bodies help in creation of awareness and contribute to research and training on environmental issues. A large number of non-governmental organisations are also active in the creation of awareness and the protection of the environment. These bodies are assisted by way of resource materials and grants.

[English]

Regional Research Centre of ICAR in Sikkim

1604. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Regional Research Centre of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been instituted in Sikkim;

(b) the new agricultural/horticultural varieties or strains developed in Sikkim by the ICAR, Gangtok; and

(c) the overall contribution of the Institution in Sikkim over this period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) In July, 1976, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) sanctioned a project for the establishment of an Agricultural and Animal Sciences Research Centre in Sikkim under the administrative control of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Shillong.

(b) and (c). In the disciplines of Agricultural/Horticulture, work on Paddy, Maize, Pulses, Large Cardamom, Guava, Banana, Strawberry, Turmeric and Vegetable Crops have been in progress. The list of recommended varieties is given in the Statement attached. Since its inception, the Sikkim Centre has been pursuing research in the disciplines of Plant Breeding, Agronomy, Soil Science, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Entomology and Agroforestry.

STATEMENT

(Recommended Varieties by Sikkim Centre)

I. Agriculture

- Paddy : Upland : IRAT-144, IRAT-109, CSR-80 Lowland : DR-92, Glza-14, CSR-80, IET-1444.

- Maize : NLD white Popcorn : Complex pop-l.
- Urad : TAU-2, TAU-1.
- Rajmash : Short Duration : Kin-1, Kin-2 Dwarf Type, Pole Type : RCR-2, JK-1, JK-2
- Fieldpea : JP-829, DDR-1, DMR-7
- Rice Bean : RCR-64, DD RCR-66, SBS-2
- Board Bean : Dholi-5, Dholi-6, SBS-2
- Rai : DIR-4128, RED-3, RSM-105
- Toria : NDT 8501-1, TW 685-1, PT-854-1
- Yellow Sarson : SS-2, SS-3, YSP-843, SS-1
- Linseed : JCK-21, T-397

Horticulture

- An improved technique for raising large cardamom seedlings has been standardised. Planting of 'Dzongu-Golsey' clonal material in Chirkey epidemic areas and 'Bebo' in Foorkey epidemic areas has been found quite tolerant. 'Pink Golsery' a high yielding clonal cultivar has been found suitable for both mid and higher altitudes. A green cardamom type (Clone-4) has been found promising in capsule characteristics, for whole capsule use in culinary and confectionaries.
- Turmeric varieties 'G.L. Puram' and 'Daghi' have been found promising.
- Guava varieties for Red fleshed, L-49 and Allahabad Safeda were found suitable for mid hills of Sikkim.
- Banna var. Nepalikera was found suitable for mid hills. Application of 500 gm Urea, 250 gm SSP and 500 gm MOP per banana clump may be given for better growth.
- Strawberry varieties, tioge, majestic, Northwest and Phenomenol were found suitable at mid hills of Sikkim. Strawberry may be intercropped with frenchbean varieties contender and Kentucky Wonder.

Vegetable Varieties

- Frenchbean Dwarf** : Pusa, Parvati, Arkakomal, Materpiece, Contender Pole type : Singtame (Local), Kentucky Wonder
- Capsicum** HC-291 KT-1
- Okra** Japanese round; Pusa Sawni, Panchadhari, Parbhanikranti.
- Radish** Japanese White, Kalimpong red, Pusahimani, Pusachetaki (early)

Pea	Arkel, Dentam
Colocasia	Kandyaum C-7, Trivendrum-293
Mongra	(Pod Type radish) can be successfully grown in Sikkim. October-November sowing was found best.

Panel for TADA Cases

1605. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted any panel for TADA cases;

(b) if so, the functions of the panel;

(c) the number of the pending TADA cases examined by the panel, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the misuse of powers, given under TADA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). As per direction of the Supreme Court in Feb., 1994 the Review Committees at the level of the Central Government as well as State/UT Admn. have been constituted. The function of these committees is to review the pending TADA cases and redress the situation wherever considered necessary including dropping of Sections of erstwhile TADA Act.

(c) A statement showing the State-wise number of cases examined by the Review committees upto Nov., 1996 is attached.

(d) Since TADA Act, 1987 has already lapsed on 23rd May, 1995, and the existing cases are already being reviewed so the question of misuse of powers under TADA does not arise any longer.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Total Number of Cases reviewed and either cancelled/ withdrawn filed or TADA provisions dropped
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh *	502
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14
3.	Assam *	1844
4.	Bihar \$	59
5.	Gujarat \$	1319
6.	Goa	-

1	2	3
7.	Haryana +	111
8.	Himachal Pradesh *	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir *	4865
10.	Karnataka +	11
11.	Kerala	-
12.	Manipur \$	537
13.	Madhya Pradesh+	79
14.	Maharashtra *	339
15.	Meghalaya +	9
16.	Punjab *	422
17.	Rajasthan *	60
18.	Tamil Nadu *	16
19.	Uttar Pradesh *	201
20.	West Bengal *	-
21.	Chandigarh Admn. +	5
22.	NCT Delhi +	228
Total		10676

* Jan., 1996

+ Sept., 1996

\$ Aug., 1996.

Quality of Sugarcane

1606. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any plan to improve the quality of the sugarcane to have the better recovery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Two Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research namely Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow & Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore are already engaged in the Research work for improving the quality of sugarcane. Besides, State Agricultural Universities are also involved in the Improvement of quality of sugarcane. Some of the improved sugarcane varieties bred for high sugar content are: Coj-64, Coc-671, Co Pant-84211 etc. As a result of release of these varieties, significant increase in Sugar recovery has been recorded in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

Price on Packaged Items

1607. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any