

	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	OECF, Japan	Yen 3769.00	15.10.1988/ 20.07.1998	Yen 2700.9
3.	Upper Indra-Vati Irrigation Project	OECF, Japan	Yen 3744.00	15.12.1988/ 20.01.1999	Yen 3045/5
4.	Rengali Irrigation Project	OECF, Japan	Yen 7760.00	12.12.1997/ 05.02.2003	Yen 141.5
5.	Lift Irrigation Project	KFW, Germany	DM 55.00	19.02.1993 30.12.2000	DM 22.146
6.	Minor Irrigation Project	(EEC (Grant)	ECU 10.70	03.07.1995/ 31.12.2004	ECU 0.099
7.	Exploitation of Ground Water Trench - II	Australia	US\$ 8.097	31.7.1992/ 31.7.1998	US\$ 7.735

(c) and (d) Information is being collected from the Government of Orissa and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Agriculture Growth**

158. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Agricultural growth rate would be lower than the projected 0.5% as per data released in February;

(b) if so, whether there have been reports of decline in acreage under wheat in 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for the decline in agricultural growth and the steps proposed to be taken to improve the growth rate by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The growth of agriculture and allied sector during 1997-98 has been assessed at (-)2.0 percent as per the data released by C.S.O. in February, 98.

(b) The area under wheat during 1997-98 is assessed to be slightly lower at 25.75 million hectares as compared to the previous year area of 25.93 million hectares.

(c) The main reasons for the decline in agriculture growth during 1997-98 are attributed to delayed onset of monsoon in different parts of the country; the deficient rainfall in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and adjoining areas during the monsoon period, incessant heavy rains in November/December, 1997 resulting in delayed sowing of rabi crops, pests/disease attack particularly on Cotton etc.

To increase the production and productivity of different crops, the Government is implementing various centrally sponsored crop specific Development Programme.

#### **Floriculture**

159. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for development of commercial floriculture has been submitted by the State Government of Kerala and is pending with National Horticulture Development Board and APEDA for approval; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the total cost involved in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SCMPAL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Expulsion of Staff**

160. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officials of the Pakistan High Commission in India who have been declared persona non-grata during the last three years;

(b) the charges against these Pakistani nationals;

(c) the action taken against them;

(d) whether Pakistan has retaliated and expelled some of Indian officials in the Indian High Commission in Pakistan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (f) During the period April 1995 to April 1998, Government had asked Pakistan to withdraw 8 officials of its High Commission in New Delhi for engaging in activities incompatible with their official status. Those officials left India within the period stipulated by the Government.

During the same period, Government called back 8 officials of our High Commission in Islamabad consequent upon Pakistan's request that they be withdrawn. False and baseless charges were levelled by Pakistan regarding the involvement of these officials in activities incompatible with their official status. In 6 of these cases Pakistani expulsions were retaliatory in nature.

[Translation]

#### R & D in Agriculture Field

161. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expenditure being incurred on agricultural research and development in India is very less as compared to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any special steps are being taken by the Government to give an impetus to agricultural research and development in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The expenditure incurred on Agricultural Research and Development in India is less as compared to many developing countries. The indicators of Agricultural Research Expenditure are given as in statement enclosed.

(b) Higher allocations have not been possible on account of resource constraints.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the recommendations of the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture as well as the realistic resource requirements for agricultural research and education, the IX Plan Working Group of Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research constituted by the Planning Commission recommended to the Planning Commission that the budget allocation for agricultural research and education should be raised to at least 1 percent of Agricultural GDP during the IX Five Year Plan. The matter is under active consideration of the Planning Commission.

#### Statement

##### Indicators of Agricultural Research Expenditures

Region/ country (year)	Share of GDP to agricultural research (%)	Share of public expenditure to agricultural research (%)
1	2	3
Asia	.11	.60
Bangladesh (92)	.10	.66
China (93)	.09	.54

	1	2	3
India (90)	.15		.66
Indonesia (91)	.06		.29
Malaysia (92)	.16		.57
Pakistan (92)	.11		.41
Sri Lanka (92)	.08		.29
Thailand (93)	.17		1.1
<b>Latin America (1992-93)</b>	.05		.23
Argentina	.05		.23
Brazil	.09		.29
Bolivia	.02		.13
Colombia	.04		.17
Ecuador	.03		.21
El Salvador	.02		.14
Guatemala	.04		.31
Mexico	.03		.12
Panama	.08		.30
Paraguay	.05		.35
Peru	.10		.81
Uruguay	.11		.39
Venezuela	.03		.14
<b>Africa (1991)</b>	.3		.7
Botswana	.2		.4
Burkina Faso	.3		1.6
Cote d'Ivoire	.3		1.0
Ethiopia	.3		.8
Ghana	.3		1.4
Kenya	.5		1.6
Lesotho	.1		.2
Madagascar	.2		1.4
Malawi	.6		2.6
Mauritius	.2		.9
Niger	.2		1.3
Nigeria	.1		.2
Rwanda	.2		1.1
Senegal	.3		1.5
South Africa	.1		.5
Sudan	.1		.4
Swaziland	.3		.8
Tanzania	n.a.		n.a.
Togo	.4		1.5
Zambia	1.5		3.0
Zimbabwe	.4		1.0

(Source : Financing Agricultural Research : A Sourcebook, ISNAR, April, 1998)

[English]

#### Stampede at Mina

162. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :  
SHRI MOHAN SINGH :  
SHRI D.S. AHIRE :  
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Haj pilgrims who visited this year to Mecca, State-wise;