

(a) whether the Union Government are providing assistance to State Government for controlling the pests and insects which are harmful to the crops;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided to each State during 1998-99; and

(c) the progress made so far in effectively controlling the menace of pests in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The Union Government is providing financial Assistance to State Governments for plant protection measures in the form of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstration, subsidy on plant protection equipment etc.

(b) State-wise allocation of funds in respect of plant protection component of crop development schemes during 1998-99 is given in the attached statement.

(c) Use of IPM practices has enabled the incidence of Pests in the country to be brought down.

Statement

State-wise allocations made under plant protection components for various crop development schemes for 1998-99

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Amount allocated (in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	284.24
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.8
3.	Assam	62.85
4.	Bihar	140.00
5.	Goa	7.40
6.	Gujarat	154.93
7.	Haryana	131.63
8.	Himachal Pradesh	19.80
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	23.83
10.	Karnataka	181.14
11.	Kerala	47.05
12.	Madhya Pradesh	203.00
13.	Maharashtra	338.39
14.	Manipur	17.20
15.	Meghalaya	5.90
16.	Mizoram	11.60

1	2	3
17.	Nagaland	19.40
18.	Orissa	129.45
19.	Punjab	235.47
20.	Rajasthan	143.32
21.	Sikkim	14.96
22.	Tamil Nadu	262.60
23.	Tripura	11.25
24.	Uttar Pradesh	291.64
25.	West Bengal	80.55
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-
27.	Chandigarh	-
28.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	-
29.	Daman & Diu	-
30.	Delhi	-
31.	Lakshwadeep	-
32.	Pondicherry	13.40

[Translation]

Shortage of Zinc

6173. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether shortage of Zinc has been felt in around fifty percent area of Uttar Pradesh, where wheat and rice are cultivated;

(b) whether the Union Government were requested to provide grant for zinc sulphate for the areas under cultivation of wheat, maize etc. as was provided in the year 1994-95;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to accord sanction;

(d) the time by which it is likely to be sanctioned; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) As per analysis of 28477 randomly collected soil samples by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Micro and Secondary Nutrients of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research from different districts in Uttar Pradesh, it is observed that about 40% of them are deficient in Zinc. Zinc is an essential nutrient for all crops.

(b) and (c) No formal proposal from Government of UP has been received. However, the State Government through

its Resident Commissioner and Principal Secretary located at New Delhi had requested in August 1997 to provide subsidy on micronutrients like zinc, iron, calcium and sulphur. No sanction could be given since the scheme of giving assistance for use of zinc sulphate which was operate before 1994 has been discontinued as the farmers have adopted the practice of using zinc in crop production in general.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Production of Kharif Crop

6174. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the production of Kharif Crop during the financial year in the country;

(b) the total estimated production in view of the favourable weather;

(c) the sector for which Government provide grants-in-aid alongwith the amount of grants-in-aid provided during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the grants reach the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The production targets for crops are fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture. For Kharif season 1998-99, Ministry of Agriculture has proposed the following targets:

Crop	Target
(Million Tonnes/Million bales)	
Rice	73.20
Jowar	7.00
Bajra	7.00
Ragi	2.50
Smaller millets	0.80
Maize	10.50
Pulses	6.10
Jute & Mesta	9.75
Cotton	14.80
Sugarcane	300.00

The production is estimated to be in line with the targets indicated above.

(c) The amount of grants-in-aid provided to the States under various programmes operated by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is given in the attached statement.

(d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to implement the plan programmes and ensure that the benefits reach the farmers. The Central Government has a regular system of monitoring plan programmes through periodical progress reports, field visits and discussions during Kharif/Rabi Conferences and Zonal/State meetings.

Statement

Details of amount of grants-in-aid provided to States by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation under major Programmes during last three years

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Grants-in-aid provided to State Governments		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (provisional)
1. Crops	114.47	102.45	107.29
2. Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses	146.86	147.52	142.85
3. Rainfed Farming System	117.83	111.40	116.00
4. Fertilizer	7.47	8.87	3.41
5. Seeds	2.26	25.79	1.87
6. Plant Protection	3.68	3.63	0.80
7. Machinery	5.98	16.70	16.63
8. Extension	1.32	0.98	1.21
9. Soil & Water Conservation	63.94	66.87	73.41
10. Horticulture	107.20	145.63	143.31
11. Credit	4.24	6.26	3.52
12. Cooperation	0.98	0.60	0.56
13. Economics & Statistics	10.09	10.85	11.61
14. Census	1.40	4.53	1.83
Total	587.72	652.08	624.30

[English]

Mortal Remains

6175. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN :
SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :