

### Cotton Production

1557. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of cotton in Gujarat during each of the last three years;

(b) whether a huge quantity of cotton is lying in the State for disposal which effected the abnormal delay in making the payments to the farmers as a result thereof;

(c) whether the State Government approached the Union Government for the export of Cotton during the last six months;

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the Union Government propose to solve this problem and to compensate the farmers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The production of cotton in Gujarat during each of the last three years is given below :

Year	Production (Lakh bales)
	(170 kg each)
1992-93	19.88
1993-94	16.23
1994-95	22.69

(b) A quantity of kapas equivalent to about forty thousand bales is reportedly lying with the farmers and traders. As for the payment to the farmers, it is being made within reasonable time.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has allotted export quota of 1.15 lakhs bales to the Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation.

(e) The export quota has already been allotted. Various other measures taken in this regard include increase in minimum support price, relaxation in stock limits for cotton for mills and ginning and processing factories, and relaxation of selective credit control to enable mills to buy more cotton.

### Livestock and Dairy Development Programmes

1558. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether financial assistance has been sought by the State Governments from the Union Government for implementing some livestock and dairy development programmes in the States during Eighth Plan till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the assistance sanctioned by the Union Government for implementing those programmes during Eighth Plan till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Governments seek assistance under various ongoing livestock and dairy development programmes. Statement giving details of funds released during the Eighth Plan till date is enclosed.

### STATEMENT

*Funds released to the States/UTs under various schemes during the Eighth Plan till date*

(Rs. in lakhs)

S No	States/UTs	Funds released during				Total
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.67	275.34	139.39	627.82	1311.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14.79	141.41	502.96	85.62	744.78
3	Assam	47.26	158.63	478.67	24.97	709.53
4	Bihar	65.50	93.32	152.92	238.47	550.35
5	Goa	10.37	14.44	12.26	15.47	52.54
6	Gujarat	100.34	591.75	475.70	594.00	1761.79
7	Haryana	102.78	391.07	48.08	358.44	900.37
8	Himachal Pradesh	125.94	103.95	142.26	102.02	474.17
9	Jammu & Kashmir	45.36	92.76	358.14	300.65	796.91