

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:192
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000
PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the States which are deficient in foodgrain production;
- (b) whether the Government have received any proposal from such Governments including the Government of Kerala forextending financial assistance to increase the production of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the decision of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.192 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Based on normative requirements of foodgrains, as recommended by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, and projections of average population as on 1st July, 1997, 1998 & 1999, the States, deficient in foodgrain production, are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura & West Bengal.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. For increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains in the country, however, Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas are being implemented. For increasing the production and productivity of Pulses, the Government is also implementing National Pulses Development Project. Under these programmes, incentives are being provided to the farmers on distribution of seeds, improved farm implements and sprinkler sets etc. Under the scheme of ICDP-Rice, incentives on Power Tillers is also being provided. Besides above, field demonstrations and farmers' trainings are also being organised under the above mentioned schemes to acquaint the farmers with the latest production technologies. The State of Kerala is covered under ICDP-Rice and National Pulses Development Project.