

Operation Golden Bird

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Army had started the operation 'Golden Bird' to combat terrorism in the north-eastern States—Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur etc.;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of success achieved through this operation; and

(c) the action being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to wipe out terrorism and separatism in the north-eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b). In 1995, the Army had launched an operation in Mizoram against an armed gang of about 200 insurgents/militants infiltrating from Bangladesh along the Indo-Myanmar border. The gang was successfully intercepted. The Myanmar army also undertook operations within Myanmar Territory. The operations resulted in the following :

(i) Militants killed	58
(ii) Militants apprehended	43
(iii) Militants who surrendered	12
(iv) Weapons recovered	84
(v) Ammunition recovered	11000 rounds approximately.

A large number of militants were forced to abandon the infiltration attempt

(c) A series of steps have been taken which, inter-alia, include strengthening of deployment of Security Forces in the sensitive areas and gearing up of intelligence machinery; sensitisation of neighbouring countries to ensure that the militants insurgents do not get aid, assistance and facilities

from their territory for carrying out activities directed against India; declaration of the concerned associations/groups as unlawful under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of affected areas as 'Disturbed Area' under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 as amended from time to time; and firm handling of those indulging in violent activities, motivating them to join the national mainstream, provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the Constitution of India.

[English]

Production of Foodgrains

161. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for the production of foodgrains in every State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, grain-wise and year-wise;

(b) the achievement made in this regard till date in each State, year-wise and grain-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to remove stagnation in the agricultural production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The targets fixed for the production of foodgrains in each State for the eighth five year plan period, grain-wise/year-wise are given in the attached Statement I to V

(b) The achievements made in the production of various foodgrains in each State during the eighth plan period year-wise and grain-wise are given in the attached Statement VI to IX

(c) The Agricultural production in the country has been showing a positive growth over the years except a marginal decline in the production of foodgrains during 1995-96. In order to further increase agricultural production, various Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented

STATEMENT-I

State-wise crop-wise production targets for 1992-93

(in lakh tonnes)

State	Rice	Wheat	Coarse Cereals	Pulses	Total Foodgrains
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	108.0	1.2	22.0	7.3	137.3
Assam	31.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	32.9
Bihar	66.0	39.0	14.5	9.0	128.5
Gujarat	9.0	16.5	25.1	5.9	56.5