

(b) if so, the names of such products ; and

(c) the average per hectare production of wheat, paddy, cotton and oilseeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The Government have not conducted any such study. However, as per the Production Year Book of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the average yields of various crops in India are generally lower than the world average.

(c) The average per hectare yield of wheat, rice, cotton and oilseeds in the country during 1996-97 was 2671 Kgs. 1879 kg., 266 kg. and 931 kg. respectively.

[English]

Modernisation of Irrigation Projects

1226. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to modernise irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) Irrigation is a State subject. Upto and of VIII plan out of 170 Extension, Renovation and Modernisation(ERM) projects undertaken in the different States, 60 were completed.

[Translation]

Shifting of Pulses Directorate

1227 SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pulses Development Directorate located in Madhya Pradesh is being shifted from the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the sanctioned strength of posts of this Directorate alongwith the number of posts lying vacant and since when these have been lying vacant; and

(d) the time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(c) The sanctioned strength of the Directorate is 31 out of which 8 are in position. The details of the vacant posts are in the attached Statement.

(d) The process for filling up the vacant posts has already started.

Statement

Details of sanctioned strength and posts lying vacant in the Directorate of Pulses Development Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)

Sl. No.	Name of the post and sanctioned strength	Post filled	Post lying vacant	Date since lying vacant
1.	Director (1)	-	1	4 12 92
2.	Joint Director (1)	1		
3.	Dy. Director (2)	-	2	13.9.91 and 31.3.95
4.	Asstt. Director (1)	-	1	Created in June, 96
5.	Admn. Officer (1)	-	1	-do-
6.	Sr. Tech. Asstt. (4)	1	3	-do-
7.	Stat. Investigator (1)	-	1	-do-
8.	Accountant (1)	-	1	-do-
9.	Sr. Stat. Clerk (1)	-	1	
10.	Steno Grade-II (1)	-	1	-do-
11.	Steno Grade-III (2)	1	1	8 6 90
12.	Jr. Hindi Translator (1)	-	1	Created in June, 96
13.	U.D.C. (2)	1	1	-do-
14.	L.D.C. (4)	-	4	3 created in June, 96 and 1 since 13.12.91
15.	Daftary (1)	-	1	Created in June, 96
16.	Peon (4)	2	2	-do-
17.	Safaiwala (1)	-	1	do-
18.	Chowkidar (1)			
19.	Car Driver (1)	1		
Total (31)		6	23	