

rabl Maize Crop are being given under Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP). Incentives include subsidy for use of certified seeds of hybrids/improved varieties of maize, improved implements and the seed mini-kits of maize. Besides, frontline demonstrations and field demonstrations on improved crop production technology and demonstrations on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) on farmers' fields are also conducted by providing inputs. Farmers' training on crop production technology are also conducted under the programme to transfer the latest technology to the farmers. These incentives are not linked with any productivity level.

(b) The target for the production of maize is fixed separately and included in the overall target of production of cereals along with wheat, rice and other coarse cereals. During 1997-98 against a target of 11 million tonnes the maize production is expected at 11.15 million tonnes.

#### **Rice Cultivation**

1232. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for increasing the production of rice cultivation in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the decision of the Government to the said proposals with allocation made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of Kerala has not submitted any proposal as such for increasing the production/cultivation of rice or for the allocation of funds under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-RICE)". However considering the norms and programmes implemented in previous years by the State under the ICDP-Rice, an allocation of Rs.134.78 lakhs, as Central Share, has been made for 1998-99.

#### **Norms for Below Poverty Line**

1233. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:  
SHRI K.P. NAIDU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed certain norms to identify the people living below poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the number of persons identified so far particularly in Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(c) whether State Governments have opposed the existing norms of identifying the persons below poverty line;

(d) if so, the views of State Governments in this regards, and

(e) the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) As per the latest information, 320.37 million persons in the country are estimated to live below this norm in 1993-94. The number of persons living below the poverty norms in Maharashtra and Karnataka was 30.52 million and 15.65 million respectively in 1993-94.

#### **Allocation of Fund**

1234. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestion/proposal from Government of U.P. to allocate more funds or increase the plan outlay amount for plans/projects pertaining to various Ministries;

(b) if so, the plan-wise/ Ministry-wise details thereof as on date;

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard so far; and

(d) the time by which more funds is likely to be allocated to Government of U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Planning Commission has not received any such proposals except a request from the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for enhanced allocation of Special Central Assistance (SCA) under Hill Areas Development Programme.

(b) to (d) The above proposal will be considered when the Annual Plan 1998-99 for the State of U.P. is finalised.

#### **Breed of Animals**

1235. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the cattle population particularly of cows, bulls, she-buffalos and buffalos in Bihar in each of the last three years;