

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. In several countries, the yield of wheat, paddy, cotton, oilseeds and pulses is more than that of India.

(b) The countries having the highest per hectare yield in wheat, paddy, cotton, oilseeds and pulses are as under:

Sl.No.	Crop	Country	Yield(kg/hect.)
1.	Wheat	Ireland	8997
2.	Paddy	Buerto Rica	8333
3.	Cotton	Guinea	1200
4.	Oilseeds		
	(i) Safflower	U.S.A	2050
	(ii) Linseed	China	3125
	(iii) Sasame	Handuras	1267
	(iv) Rapeseed	Maxico	11111
	(v) Sunflower	Switzerland	2727
	(vi) Castorbeans	Paraguay	1382
	(vii) Groundnut	Israel	5400
	(viii) Soyabeans	Italy	3435
5.	Total Pulses	France	4769

(c) None.

Rao Sagar Project

1245. SHRI RAMA NAND SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rao Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh is a inter state proejct of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the total area of land of these States propose to be irrigated separately and power in M.W. is likely to be generated by this project;

(c) the estimated cost earmarked and expenditure incurred thereon till date;

(d) the total funds made available by the Union and States Governments for the purpose, separately;

(e) the percentage of construction work of the dam and canal completed under this project; and

(f) the time by which the rest of the construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (f) There is no irrigation project by the name Rao Sagar Project in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

1246. SHRI MADHAVRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds provided during 1997-98 to various State Governments for large projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, State-wise;

(b) the funds actually released so far, State-wise ; and

(c) the irrigation potential likely to be created as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) A Statement giving details of Central loan assistance released under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to large projects of various States during 1997-98 is enclosed.

(c) The total irrigation potential likely to be create on completion of projects receiving Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme assistance is of the order of 12.63 Million Hectares.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State	C.L.A. released during 1997-98 (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	74 00
2.	Assam	12 40
3.	Bihar	14 04
4.	Goa	5 25
5.	Gujarat	196 90
6.	Haryana	12.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	6.50
8.	Karnataka	90.50
9.	Kerala	15.00
10.	Madhya Pradesh	114.50

1	2	3
11.	Maharashtra	55.00
12.	Manipur	26.00
13.	Orissa	85.00
14.	Punjab	100.00
15.	Rajasthan	42.00
16.	Tripura	5.10
17.	Uttar Pradesh	78.00
18.	West Bengal	20.00
TOTAL		952.19

Coconut Cultivation

1247. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI A.C. JOS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut cultivation is facing problems in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has sought any assistance from the Union Government to improve coconut cultivation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon.

(e) whether the Government propose to increase the minimum support price of coconut; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) Coconut palms in Kerala are affected by debilitating root (wilt) disease which cause decline in production and productivity of coconuts. As per latest survey conducted during 1997-98, about 245 lakh palms in 8 southern districts of Kerala are affected by this disease.

(c) and (d) A project for development of Coconut Farming Systems in Kerala at a total cost of Rs.562.31 crores was submitted by Government of Kerala during September, 1997. The project envisages eradication of root (wilt) affected disease advanced coconut palms to check the spread of the disease and improve productivity of existing palms. Most of the measures suggested in the project, viz., cutting and removal of root(wilt) affected palms; replanting /new planting; training, extension and publicity; productivity improvement; intercropping/mixed farming; irrigation facilities; support for

harvesting and value addition etc. are already being supported under various programmes of the Coconut Development Board. During 1997-98, out of a total allocation of Rs. 19.75 crores for various coconut development programmes, the Board released Rs. 10.28 crores to the State of Kerala.

(e) and (f) The proposal to fix minimum support price of Copra for the 1998 season is under active consideration of the Government.

Power Generation

1248. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power plants functioning under the Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC); and

(b) the location, installed capacity and performance of each unit during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Presently, there are five nuclear power plants, four with two reactor units each and one (Rajasthan) with one reactor unit, under the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL). One plant (Rajasthan Unit-I) is owned by the Government but operated by NPCIL.

(b) The location, installed capacity and performance of each unit during the last three years is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Location	Unit	Design Capacity (MWe)	Utilisation (Capacity Factor-%)		
			1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tarapur Maharashtra	TAPS-1	160	79	30*	84
Tarapur, Maharashtra	TAPS-2	160	32*	46*#	68
Rawatbhatta, Rajasthan	RAPS-1	100	\$	\$	40\$
Rawatbhatta Rajasthan	RAPS-2	200	\$	\$	\$
Kalpakkam, Tamilnadu	MAPS-1	170	76	51	49
Kalpakkam, Tamilnadu	MAPS-2	170	18	83	78
Narora Uttar Pradesh	NAPS-1	220	67	71	90